



# GIFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## School Advisory Council Minutes

**Date:** October 24, 2022

**Time:** 4:08pm-5:00pm

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jim Russo called the SAC meeting to order at 4:08pm.

**Attendance:** the following members were present:

- Gali Dupay, GMS Parent
- Daphne Patterson, GMS Teacher
- Chadwick Bacon, GMS Principal
- Jim Russo, SAC Chairman
- Tisa Blidgen, GMS Assistant Principal

**Minutes:** Gali Dupay moved to approve the SAC Minutes of September 26, 2022. Daphne Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### 10/24/22 Minutes: (Based on SAC Agenda)

#### Volunteers for Secretary

At this time no members who attended the meeting on October 24, 2022, volunteered for this role. This role is still available for a member.

#### Budget Review

Dr. Chadwick Bacon reviewed the budget that was requested for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday clubs, activities, tutoring, and detention. Sac approved \$3,000 for the initial request which was the budget for all of the 2021-2022 school year.

- Sac Budget as of 9/26/2022 \$6595.73
- SAC Budget as of 10/24/2022 \$3,595.73

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After School Bus Funds		-\$3,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,595.73</b>

## **A2 Funding**

The School District of Indian River County is currently in the process of approving funds to schools to provide A2 services for students. The total amount of funds is \$46,000.00 for Gifford Middle School. The program is being supported with ample funds for teacher's salary and resources for Research Based materials.

## **What is A2 funding?**

In an effort to close the academic gap the School District of Indian River County is extending the effort launched in the prior year known as A2 (Acclimate & Achieve). This initiative is designed to be implemented in a very non-traditional approach to other programs in the past. The parameters being used at Gifford Middle School will be based on past year's FSA scores, i-Ready Data, Unit Assessments, core class grades, and FAST Data.

## **Parent and Family Engagement Act (PFEP)**

Presenter: Ms. Tisa Blidgen (Assistant Principal)

### **1. Building Capacity**

Ms. Tisa Blidgen discussed how the school (Gifford Middle School) will implement activities that will build the capacity for strong parental involvement. This is to ensure effective involvement of the parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievements.

- Title 1 Annual Meeting
- Orientation
- Open House
- Science Fair
- SAC Meetings
- Academic Parent Nights
- Parent Night
- GMS Parent Group

Evidence of Effectiveness: Student achievement results that meet identified targets in the District Strategic Plan, Achieve 2025, and Gifford middle School's Schoolwide Improvement Plan.

### **2. Staff Development**

Ms. Tisa Blidgen discussed a variety of staff development activities the school will provide to teachers and staff to support ongoing growth.

- School-Family Partnership
- Kagan Strategies

- Collaborative Planning/Professional Development including BEST standards and Amplify
- Consultation with Teachers
- I-Ready with focus on small group instruction

Evidence of Effectiveness: Student achievement results that meet identified targets in the District Strategic Plan, Achieve 2025, and Gifford middle School’s Schoolwide Improvement Plan.

**3. Barriers\*\***

In the presentation barriers that hindered participation by parents during the previous school year in parental involvement activities was discussed. Ms. Tisa Blidgen discussed the steps the school (Gifford middle School) will take during the upcoming school year to overcome the barriers that were present in the previous school year.

<b>Barriers</b>	<b>Steps the School Will Take to Overcome</b>
Availability (working parents/ guardians)	Have multiple times that parents can attend events.
Communication (homes of poverty and second language)	Communicate through multiple means (social media, paper, and phone)
Student attendance What is causing the issue?	Increase communication with parents regarding children’s attendance, stress importance of attendance at family events
Hotspot/Technology Focus Parent Portal to schedule conferences	With the help of Title 1 staff and IT Department staff, expand instruction to parents on the use of various technology platforms; work with IT Department to get technology issues resolved as quickly as possible; work on educating families on the importance of regular attendance and involvement.

**\*\*Parent Survey Discussion**

Based on the parent climate surveys disturbed at Title 1 Parent Night, barriers were a high need concern. This was discussed during the presentation by Ms. Tisa Blidgen (Assistant Principal). Above information was presented.

**Old Business:** There was no old business that was carried over from the previous meeting on September 26, 2022.

**New Business:** Dr. Chadwick Bacon discussed that Gifford Middle School received 6 hotspots to provide to 6 students to obtain internet services to assist in their ability to complete schoolwork, participate in canvas courses, and obtain Focus information.

Daphne Patterson provided SAC with information on the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Affordable Connectivity Program is a federally funded program that offers internet access service to low-income families and families that meet different financial requirements.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Daphne Patterson moved to adjourn. Gali Dupay seconded, and motion carried. Chairman Jim Russo adjourned the SAC meeting at 5:00pm