

Gamble Rogers Middle School
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Minutes

WELCOME

Robin Major, SAC Chair welcomed all in attendance, both physically and virtually.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws were both reviewed.

Kim McManus moved to accept the Bylaws. Kim Keen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE

Everyone introduced themselves and roll was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report

Principal Brian Wilson reported on the SAC budget. He explained that the money is used to fund requests from faculty members (to purchase things for their classroom, a project or for Professional Development).

Principal's Report

Principal Brian Wilson made the following points

1. Darlene Delaney, the school secretary/bookkeeper, will be going downtown to a new position. Stacey Lindohl has been hired as the new secretary/bookkeeper for GRMS.
2. The Stingray Newsletter is going to keep the same format as last year (SMORES). It will be sent out weekly.
3. Behavior Interventionalist:
This person will handle tier 2 behavioral referrals.

GRMS has 2 VE specialists at each grade level. These specialists work closely with the teachers, co-planning classes. There is also 1 VE Specialist that will work with small groups of children.

4. GRMS is now a Title 1 school.

This means more paperwork but also more money. Mr. Wilson said that Mrs. Penn, who has been GRMS' ILC, will now be the Academic Interventionalist working with small groups.

Between 110-120 students will be receiving additional academic support.

School District Report

Tracy Melgard spoke briefly about her new position at the district level. She is now the MS Social Studies coordinator as well as the World Language Coordinator.

School Board Update

Mrs. Jennifer Collins is our School Board Representative. She gave us an overview of what's going on in the county:

1. Schools are off to a good start. There has been explosive growth in the Northern Part of the County.
2. There will be 2 new K-8 schools opening in the 2024-25 school year; 1 in the 2025-2026 school year, as well as a new Charter School opening in 2025. Rezoning is inevitable.
3. Ballot measures

Mrs. Collins said that there were going to be 2 tax increases on the 2024 general ballot:

- a. 1/2¢ sales tax was originally passed in 2015. It was for 10 years. The taxpayers have to renew it in 2024 in order for it to remain current. .5 millage increase will also be on the ballot in 2024. If approved it would go toward operational costs
- b. HB1 was passed and implemented this year. It is designed to help parents incurred when they choose to send their child(ren) to a charter school, private school or home school them.

St Johns County Public Library Update

Lisa Culvert is our representative from the SE branch of the Public Library. She gave an overview of the activities coming up in October for middle school students, including a Middle School Book Club.

Other

Mrs. Kim Keen, Access Teacher at GRMS spoke to us about the Access Barkery Bakery Program at the school. The students bake doggie treats and sell them through the GRMS website.

Ms. Penn, Academic Interventionist, spoke to the group to explain her role in the school. She hopes to increase parental involvement by having meetings with them at different times throughout the year to explain things such as the FAS testing.

Mrs. Tracy Melgard, School District Representative, reminded the group that they should notify Mrs. Major if they wish to be “voting members”. She also reminded the group, that members who have 2 unexcused absences will be dropped from the group.

Adjournment

Mr. Russell moved to adjourn.

Mrs. Coston seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadóniga, Secretary