

# School Advisory Council

## Meeting Agenda

### December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Media Center and Microsoft Teams

What	Who	How	Time
Welcome and approval of November minutes	Jaci Racano	Presentation & Vote	5 minutes
GRMS Band and Choir programs	Ms. Neeraja Chandrasekharan	Presentation	10 minutes
Principal Update & Budget	Brian Wilson	Presentation	10 minutes
Public Comment		Discussion	5 minutes
Evaluation & Closure	Tracy Melgard	Discussion & Consensus	5 minutes

## *-GRMS SAC 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule-*

Meetings will be held in person, in the media center and online on Microsoft Teams.  
*Meetings will be from 3:00 to 4:00 unless otherwise stated.*

- Thursday, January 18, 2024**

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Thursday, April 18, 2024

**GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**16 November 2023**  
**School Advisory Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**WELCOME:** SAC Chair Jaci Racano welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll was taken. Present were: Jaci Racano, Brian Wilson, Linda Villadóniga, Lisa Calvert, Tracy Melgard, Susie Corpuz, Will Russell, LeeAnn Stevens, Kim McManus, Ashley DeMaio. Absent were Vickie Leese, Lisa Urban, Brittney Erb, LeeAnn Stevens, Jessie C, Daria Charapko, Shannon Ayrish Booyesen and Yanita Smith.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the 16 October 2023 were distributed. Kim McManus moved to approve the minutes as written, Ashley DeMaio seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SAC Recognition Funds Dispersal:** Ms. Racano went over the 2 options for the disbursement of the School Recognition Funds for 2023-2024 SY that were presented to the staff for a vote.

**Option 1:** 100% of School Recognition Funds equally split among ALL faculty/staff as follows:

- Proration for part time faculty/staff.
- All employees had to work at least 120 days at GRMS during the 2022-2023 year.
- Employees terminated for due cause are not eligible to receive funds.

**Option 2:** 90% of School Recognition Funds equally split among ALL 2022-2023 faculty/staff and 10% of fund to SAC as follows:

- 90 of bonus split equally among all 2021-2022 faculty/staff, with proration for part-time faculty/staff.
- All employees had to work at least 120 days at GRMS during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Employees terminated for due cause are not eligible to receive funds.
- 10% of bonus to SAC for nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment, materials, teacher training and other school-related needs.

42% of the faculty/staff responded to the survey.

The results were as follows: 24% in favor of Option 1, 18% in favor of Option 2.

Kelly McManus moved to accept the vote of the faculty/staff.  
Ashley DeMaio seconded the motion.  
The motion was passed unanimously.

**BUDGET, PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Principal Brian Wilson reported that the SAC budget is the same as last month (\$8490.77).

**Update:** Mr. Wilson reported on the following:

Algebra Tutoring will be available after school for 1.5 hours on Thursdays. Mrs. Bouchard was hired using Title 1 funds.

Fall Arts Festival is on Friday, November 17, 2023. (More on that later)

**Funds Request:** Ashley DeMaio made a funds request to purchase Brain Pop for one calendar year for use by all the teachers and students. It has over 1000 videos, reading tools, quizzes, review materials, etc. and covers all the core and elective courses. The games are linked to Schoology so that students can access the embedded links. The total cost for one calendar year is \$2805.00. Kim McManus moved to approve the funds request. Susie Corpus, seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**The Fall Arts Program:** Ashley DeMaio gave an overview of the program which will be held on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 4:45 -7:30 p.m. There will be a plethora of activities including, but not limited to dinner, performances by the band students, performances by the chorus students, an art exhibit, gift baskets on sale, games etc. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be taking place. This is part of Parent Engagement Month.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE:**

Ms. Jennifer Collins, School Board Representative for District 3, reported on the following items:

**Scholastic Book Fairs:** There had been some concern about continuing the Scholastic Book Fairs, but the concerns have been assuaged and they will continue.

**The School District School Related Employee of the Year:** A dinner was held on November 16, 2023 to honor the school related employees of each school in the district. Ms. Sylvia Bass, a bus driver for 37 years, was named School Related Employee of the Year. Mr. Wilson announced that GRMS School Related Employee of the Year was Mr. Royce, who is in charge of the In School Suspension Room. He does a wonderful job of managing the room.

**Social Studies:** The Social Studies books have been approved by the School Board.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Tracy Melgard, MS Social Studies/History Program Specialist reported that the Local History Fair will be taking place at GRMS on February 5, 2024. She, Julia Penn, GRMS Academic Interventionalist and Laura Wynn, Secondary Social Studies / History Program Specialist, will be overseeing the History Fair. There will be tables and presentations by the Lighthouse, the Pirate Museum, The Lincolnville Museum and Main St. – Hastings.

Ashley DeMaio announced that Yearbook ads will be accepted through January. 8<sup>th</sup> graders can personalize the covers of their yearbooks.

Mr. Wilson invited everyone to attend Data and Donuts on November 29, 2023, at 8 a.m. Student achievement and assessments, including the FAST test, will be discussed. RSVP with Ms. Penn: Julie.Penn@stjohns.k12.fl.us

There being no further business, Lisa Culvert moved to adjourn. Ashley DeMaio seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on December 14, at 3 p.m. in the GRMS Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadóniga,

Secretary

# GRMS WINTER EVENTS



## DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help the Best Buddies at Gamble Rogers Middle School with their January Service Project

We are collecting NEW teddy bears for local law enforcement agencies. Officers and first responders carry these sweet friends with them and give them to children during some of their scariest moments. Best Buddies knows how important it is to have a special friend to help you through difficult times and make you feel loved. You may drop them off in the lobby of Gamble Rogers Middle School or send them in with students to give to Mrs DuFrain. We will be collecting them for the whole month of January.



## UGLY SWEATER DANCE

Prize for Ugliest Sweater



Food and Drinks for Sale

Friday, December 15th  
200- 430 pm  
Staggered Release



**Exceptional Stingray, Bristol!** This past weekend, Bristol participated in the St. Augustine Kidz Entrepreneur Holiday Market at the Tringall Barn. Bristol was at the event to sell the crafts she had made, BUT, she also saw it as an opportunity to educate and raise awareness of the GRMS Best Buddies program.

She presented Mrs. DuFrain and Mrs. Patterson with \$50 in donations that she collected at the event!

This "random act of kindness", a heart-warming idea from a 6<sup>th</sup> grader who wants to spread kindness, love, and happiness is truly what the season is all about