

SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING
GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 15, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by SAC Chair Jaci Racano at 3:00 p.m.

READING OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2024

The minutes were distributed. Kim McManus moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Jessie Coston seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

DISTRICT UPDATE

School Board District 3 Representative Jennifer Collins spoke about the 1/2¢ sales tax committee. The committee needs a representative from District 3. She explained that this member would attend the monthly meetings and then report back. She said if there is anyone on SAC interested in being the District 3 Representative, they should get in touch with her.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

Ashley DeMaio and her Art Club students made a presentation about the club. It meets after school and is funded by a Federal Grant. There are different tables and areas from which the members can choose. Some of these are painting, digital art, jewelry, art games, print making, sewing, sculpture and card-boarding. Since it is a federal grant, Ms DeMaio said that she keeps Pre- and Post- Data. After Ms. DeMaio's presentation, some of the students involved in the Art Club shared their work and thoughts with us.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that the SAC budget has \$5037.77.

He also reported that the District has a Grant dollars for schools that have subgroups in their school population who need extra help. He said that these funds had been used to hire Learning Logics out of Jupiter to visit the schools in SJC. The team from Learning Logics came out and visited GRMS and provided a report. They prioritized the needs and made recommendations for implementation. There is a plan to utilize the summer break to get teachers together to make plans for next year, primarily in Math and ELA. Two of the recommendations were to implement more small group instruction and to use strategies that kids enjoy to make them excited to learn using critical thinking and higher order thinking skills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Calvert from the Southeast Branch of the SJC Public Library informed the group that there are Teen Cooking Classes, a Middle School Book Club and other programs in place for all students. There is also a new interface being used by the Library which includes a link for patrons to use to trace their ancestry,

OTHER COMMENTS

The yearly Needs Assessment Survey will be going out to parents,

The Teddy Bear Drive has received 126 Teddy Bears to be given to 1st responders to use with children.

School District Tracey Melgard reported that The History Fair went off without a hitch. It was a lot of fun for everyone who attended. The kids who attended were especially excited by the Escape Room. Ms. Melgard said that they will look into having more than 1 escape room next year. There were many interesting exhibitors present. Everyone enjoyed the foods that were available.

Yanetta Smith mentioned that her son had won a prize from the SJEA MLK Essay Contest.

There being no further business, Kim McManus moved to adjourn. Yanetta Smith seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadoniga, Secretary