

**GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2024
MINUTES**

Welcome and approval of February minutes – Jaci Racano

- Jaci Racano welcomed the SAC team and guests. Kim McManus moved to open the meeting; Lisa Calvert seconded the motion. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.
- Jaci mentioned that Linda Villadoniga was in Cuba and that she would be transcribing the minutes from the recording.
- Jaci asked those present to read over the minutes. Kim McManus had a correction regarding the 1/2¢ sales tax meetings, they are held quarterly not monthly. Jaci asked if there were any other corrections. There were no other corrections, Kim McManus moved to accept the minutes of the February with that correction. Lisa Calvert seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved with the correction.

Principal Update & Budget- Brian Wilson

Mr. Wilson reported on the following items:

- Budget: remains the same as in February, \$5037.77.
- Suspension Data for 2023-2024 school year: Data was compiled by the District Office and sent to Mr. Wilson. According to the data, there have been 43 suspension events this year at GMS. These are OSS events, which resulted in 456 days of OSS (for a school of 900 students). The number of days for each suspension varies depending on the severity of the offense. The average time for an OSS is 1.9 days. The most common OSS offenses include, but are not limited to, marijuana use, bullying, and vaping.
- Hallway traffic during change of classes in certain parts of the building. Next year GRMS will try something new: One grade level (probably 8th grade) will have their own passing time. The worst time of day is after C lunch. The rest of the day seems to flow pretty well.

Media Highlight - Shannon Ayrish Booyesen

- Ms. Ayrish-Booyesen introduced herself. She is the media specialist at GRMS. There is a new library aide whose name is Kim Bugar.
- Book Fair: 6th graders will be visiting the book fair on Friday, 7th graders on Monday and 8th graders on Tuesday.
- Author event: A Florida author, who wrote a book about a boy and his grandfather, who liked to scuba dive, old Florida legends and treasures, will be visiting GRMS on April 26th during 6th and 7th periods. The book takes place in the Florida Keys and is a SSYRA book.

End of Year Events - Stacey Lindahl

- Best Buddies First Friendship Walk on April 10 at GRMS. Anyone raising \$25 can participate. There will be pizza. It will take place on the track. The goal is to raise \$800 which Best Buddies will then donate back to GRMS. They have already raised \$575.
- 8th grade dance: May 10th. PTO is sponsoring the dance. Letters have been sent home. Sign up genius is available for parents to volunteer to chaperone and / or donate food items.
- May 15th: District Focus Group. GRMS needs to send someone. The purpose of this focus group is to gather a group of community leaders to serve as a way of providing 2-way communication and provide accurate information to the public. The group will meet with Mr. Forson, SJCS D Superintendent. The last meeting of this school year will be held at Fullerwood on May 15 from 9 to 11.
- May 23: Field Day for all students.
- End of Year testing starts in April.

Public Comment Discussion

- Lisa Calvert from the SJCPLS, SE branch reported that they have put together a new program. They have revitalized the Teen Advisory Board. This is a leadership opportunity for a rising 9th grader in which they will meet with other teens to discuss improvements, come up with ideas for new programs and enhancements to the library programs for teens. They will receive volunteer hours and be integrated into the library staff.
- The cooking class is continuing. The next meeting will be on April 16th.
- The next middle school reading group will be reading one of the books from the **City of Dragons** series.

Evaluation & Closure Jaci Racano Discussion & Consensus 5 minutes

Our next meeting will be on April 18th at 3 p.m.

_____ moved to adjourn the meeting, _____ seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadoniga, SAC Secretary