**GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**19 October 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 Urban, Lisa Calvert, Tracy Melgard, Susie Corpuz, Will Russell, LeeAnn Stevens, Jessie C., Kim McManus, Daria Charapko, Shannon Ayrish Booysen and Yanita Smith. Absent were: Vickie Leese and Brittneyn Erb

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: The minutes of the 21 September 2023 were distributed. Kim McManus moved to approve the minutes as written, Will Russell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**BUDGET, PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**: Principal Brian Wilson reported that the SAC budget is the same as last month. Title 1 schools get an additional amount in their sac budgets. He reiterated that there are Parent /Family activities that must take place as a Title 1 school.

Mr. Wilson also reviewed the 2023-2024 SIP which has been submitted to the DOE. **Our goals** for this year are to lower the suspension rate (both in-school and out-of-school) by 5%, to increase attendance by at least 5%, and to focus on ELA and bring more scores to 3+. We will also work to improve the subgroups’ learning gains in the school population.

Mr. Wilson reported that there will be a Track and Treat Event at PMHS on October 25, 2023, from 6-8 p.m. There will be tables and booths set up around the track.

**LIBRARY UPDATE**: Lisa Calvert reported that the Middle Grade Book Club will be ending soon. There is a meeting set for Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 4 p.m. Other activities planned for November include a Family Game Night on November14, from 5:30-7.

**OTHER BUSINESS**:

Mr. Gamble, the Environmental Science Teacher, took us for a tour of the vegetable garden that he and the students have planted and are tending. He thanked Southern Horticulture, ACE Hardware and John Sykes (Sykes Farm) for their contributions to the success of the program. Students learn about growing and taking care of plants, hydroponics, pollination, nutrition. An added benefit is that they eat what they grow.

Kim McManus moved that the meeting be adjourned. Yanita Smith seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on November 16, at 3 p.m. in the GRMS Media Centr.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadóniga,

Secretary