

Gamble Rogers Middle School

14 December 2023

Media Center and Microsoft Teams

Minutes

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: SAC Chair Jaci Racano welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were distributed and read. Ms. Racano asked if there were any corrections. Kim McManus said that a name had been misspelled. The correction was made, and Kim McManus moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Lisa Calvert seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE: Those in attendance were reminded to sign in on the roster sheet.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Principal's Report:

Mr. Brian Wilson reported on the STEM Fair being held. Mrs. Knox has been working with students on their projects after school. There are 2 students going to the District STEM Fair. Mr. Wilson led the SAC Committee to visit with the students who are competing in the STEM room. We were very impressed with the projects.

Mr. Wilson introduced us to Stacy Lindahl, the new confidential secretary. She is doing a great job.

The SAC balance is \$5685.77

The Band/Choir Program is giving a performance this evening. Mr. Wilson also told us that the Marine Corp Master Class will be at the St. Augustine Visitors Center on Wednesday.

There was a school-wide door contest. Teachers decorated their classroom doors for the holidays.

Mr. Wilson reported on FAST Testing. 7th grade improved from 39% to 48% ELA and also improved in Math. 7th Grade Advanced Math students did not take the test. 6th grade also improved from 47% to 52% in ELA and also improved in Math.

Jack Greaves came in 5th (out of 48) at the District Spelling Bee

FUNDS REQUEST

Katrina Stanton, ILC, requested funds for “Just Words” which is a research-based program to help fill in gaps in phonics for students who have low reading skills. There are 12 sets of student durables, along with a magnetic board and a white board. GRMS also needs some of the consumables. There is a great student buy-in because they experience success. The class size for reading remediation is 8-12 students. Ms. Stanton requested \$648. Linda Villadoniga moved to approve the funds request, Kim McManus and Lisa Calvert seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

School Board Update: There was no school board report.

St Johns County Public Library Update:

Lisa Calvert gave an update on the programs available at the Southeast Branch of the Public Library. Starting in January there will be a middle grades book club which will meet once a month. The book club will read 4 books. It is both a book club and a social club.

There will also be cooking classes for Tweens and Teens beginning in January.

A calendar of events is available at the library.

Other:

Mr. Wilson reported that there is a Best Buddies Club at GRMS. He also reported that students participating in the Theater Competition did very well receiving several superior and excellent ratings.

Adjournment:

Kim McManus moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Lisa Calvert seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Our next meeting will be on January 18, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the GRMS Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadóniga, Secretary