

**WELCOME AND SIGN IN**

SAC Chair Jaci Racano called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lisa Calvert moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as submitted.

Allison Romano seconded the motion.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SAC / SIP – Mr. Wilson, Principal**

What is a SIP (School Improvement Plan)?

It is a required document in which goals are stated. The Principal finalizes the document, with suggestions from SAC, and submits it to the District.

**Why are the goals of the SIP important?**

- A. They are the driving force behind all the decisions that the SAC makes
- B. There are areas of focus which serve as the basis for the goals for the year
- C. Funds requests must directly align to the Areas of Focus (goals) in the SIP
- D. The goals of the SIP are data driven
- E. The data lead to action steps, which are based in research, along with some subjectivity

**Budget Update**

Mr. Wilson reported that the balance in line 805 is \$1038.86 and the balance in line 102 is \$350.45

**MISSION / VISION STATEMENT**

We need to come up with a new Mission / Vision statement. A good Mission / Vision statement states the purpose of our daily work. Some examples of what the GRMS M/V statement should include that were given by the SAC members present are:

- A. Cultivate lifelong learners
- B. Create opportunities to support the students to provide the best education possible
- C. Prepare the students at GRMS for the next step, remembering that each student's pathway is different and that they are unique individuals.
- D. Incorporate the Pillars of Character
- E. Meet the individual learning goals and needs of each student
- F. Actively engage students with strategies and skills that encompass lifelong learning

Questions to ask before writing a Mission/Vision Statement

What do we want students to learn?

To what should we be most committed?

Example: GRMS will provide students with the opportunities, skills and strategies to be lifelong learners and contributing members of the global society.

Provide students with the means to know how to be successful learners and with the ability to stick with something even when it's hard.

**Consolidate any common elements for simplicity.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PBIS drawing will be held tomorrow (December 20). It is an early release day.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lisa Calvert, Youth Librarian at the South East Branch of the Public Library, gave an update on goings-on at the library:

- 1. Teen Advisory Board: the students on this board attended the Library Advisory Board Meeting.
- 2. There are a myriad of upcoming activities, such as Teen Cooking, Crafts and Warrior REading for the youth of our community:

Mrs. Bohanan, the new GRMS librarian, reported that there has been an increase in the number of students who visit the library. There are many activities from which students may choose, including puzzles for students to work on when they drop by the library.

There will be a Book Fair during the last week of February.

Literacy Week will be celebrated during the last week of January. There will be a number of games for the students to play and win prizes.

The TV news show is up and running.

There being no further business, Stacy Lindahl moved to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Crupi seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the GRMS SAC will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 3 p.m. in the Media Center.