

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
MINUTES**

I. WELCOME / SIGN IN

SAC Chair Jaci Racano welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Members in attendance were: SAC Chair Jaci Racano, Principal Brian Wilson, SAC Secretary Linda Villadóniga, Ms. Masters, Ms. Dufresne, Ms. Trayhum, Community Representative (SJCPLC) Ms. Calvert, School Board Representative Jennifer Collins, Ms. Crupki, Ms. Deacutis, Ms. Bohannon, and Ms. Romano. (We did not have a quorum, since there were more faculty and staff members in attendance than parents and community members.)

II. Review of Roberts' Rules of Order: The Rules were reviewed.

III. Voting Procedures and Membership

We were shown a PowerPoint presentation titled "School Advisory Councils" by Katie Barnes, SJCS D Accountability Coordinator. It covered Updates for 2025-2026: Scheduling of meetings, Purpose of meetings, Sunshine Law as it related to SAC, SAC Member Responsibilities, SAC Activities, SAC Timeline for the SY, Establishing a quorum (Do not include, Asst. Principal, District Buddy, Guests, Teachers (non-SAC members) in this

Calculation), SAC Membership Composition, Establishment and Maintenance of Bylaws, Setting a Meeting Schedule, Agenda and Agenda Topics, Minutes, SAC funds, School Recognition Funds, and Needs Assessment Surveys.

These items were introduced by SAC Chair Jaci Racano and discussed as needed.

IV. Title I Presentation by Susan Deacutis. The following points were covered:
Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Parents Right to Know Letter, and the Title 1 parent survey.
Other information provided by Ms. Deacutis:

1. The parent survey will be sent out to parents.
2. There will be an Open House on October 7, 2025, and a STEAM night on November 7, 2025
3. Ideas for Family Engagement: Annual Parent Meeting, Data and Donuts, Steam Night, Use last year's survey to create questions for the survey, address barriers (language)
4. Parent survey notes: there are 5 questions on the survey, do we need to zone in on some responses more than on others, parent participation is key.

V. Principal's Update: Mr. Brian Wilson, Principal

Enrollment: 902 students

Special Programs: Access EBD

FRL: 56%

ESE: 30%

Avg # of absences: 13

Free Lunch: 100%

Learning Gains in ELA, Math and Science were achieved between 2024 and 2025.

VI. Ms. Bohanon, Media Specialist and Test Coordinator

Report on Media Center: "genre-fying" the books in the library and also classifying the books by lexile level. This will make it easier for students to find "interest" books

Battle of the Books using SSYRA books.

There will be 2 book fairs, 1 in November and 1 in April

VII. Ms. Collins, School Board Member

Rezoning is going on due to opening of new schools. That is the main issue before the School Board at this time.

VIII. Community Report: Ms. Calvert, SE Branch of Public Library

There are a number of things going on at the library for students including but not limited to recruitment of 8th graders to serve on the Teen Advisory Board and the popular Cooking classes have begun.

There being no more business, Linda Villadoniga moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40.

The next GRMS SAC meeting will be on October 16, 2025, in the Media Center at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Villadóniga, Secretary