

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

12/18/25

GRMS Media Center 3:00-4:00/MS TEAMS

WHAT	WHO	HOW	TIME
Welcome /Sign In	Jaci Racano		
Review /Approval of Minutes	Jaci Racano	Presentation & Vote	5 Minutes
Principal Update & Budget	Brian Wilson	Presentation	5-10 minutes
GRMS Updates		Presentation	5 minutes
School Board News	Jennifer Collins		
Public Comment		Discussion	10 minutes
Evaluation & Closure	Jaci Racano	Discussion & Consensus	5 minutes

GRMS SAC 2025-26 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held in person, in the media center and online on Microsoft Teams.

Meetings will be from 3:00 to 4:00 unless otherwise stated.

January 2026: January 16 • February 2026: February 19 •

March 2026: March 19 • April 2026: April 17

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

I. WELCOME / SIGN IN

The meeting of the GRMS SAC was called to order by SAC Chair Jaci Racano.

Present at the meeting were: Jaci Racano, Brian Wilson, Linda Villadóniga, Lisa Calvert, Will Russell, Jennifer Collins, Stacey Lindahl, Kathryn Masters, Allison Romano, Debra Crupi, Barbara Méndez, Lorianne Lewis, Julie Iniaovngsa, Nicole Bohanon, Emily Matthews, Gabby Pedonti, Kat McKinney, Danielle Howell, Randi Willis. Absent were Tracy Melgard, Vickie Leese, Kathryn Masters, Lori Dufrain, Jessica Gooden, Heather Jackson. A quorum of voting members was present.

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2025, MEETING

The minutes of the October meeting were distributed and read. There were no changes. Nicole Bohanon moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Lorianne Lewis seconded the motion . The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. SAC FUNDING

- A. SAC funds come from the annual General Appropriations Act and are earmarked to be used for implementing the school improvement plan. These plans may be used only on programs or projects selected by SAC. Use of SAC funds is not subject to an override by the Principal or School District staff. Funds cannot be used for capital improvements or projects that last more than 1 year. The School District Budget Department provides an estimated amount when available. Funds from the prior year are “rolled” into the SAC account for the following year.
- B. Funds are awarded to schools that 1) receive a grade of “A” OR improve at least one letter grade OR improve more than one letter grade and sustain the improvement the following school year, The amount of funds received varies from year to year.
- C. The staff and SAC jointly decide how to use the funds awarded. Funds must use the funds in bonuses for one or a combination of the following possibilities: bonuses for nonrecurring faculty and staff; nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials, or non-recurring personnel to assist in maintaining or improving student performance. The plan for the distribution of SAC must be submitted to the PAA in May of each year.

IV. PRINCIPAL UPDATE & BUDGET

- A. The SAC budget has \$2405.10 in 2 accounts.
- B. Update of Principal’s meeting
 - 1. Attendance impacts learning
Students with high rates of absenteeism in middle school are significantly more likes to struggle academically in high school.
 - 2. A student’s absence rate in middle school helps predict high school academic performance almost as well as the student’s performance o the 8th grade standardized tests
 - 3. Student absences can lead to an increased workload for teachers as they work to help students “catch up” on missed work.
 - 4. Students with higher absenteeism often require more academic interventions, putting a strain on already limited resources.
- C. A discussion followed the presentation in which some “remedies” were given to provide a reason for students to attend school regularly. Some of the “remedies” that were mentioned include teachers getting to know their students and taking an interest in their interests and providing praise for their achievements and encouragement for their struggles. Another “remedy” is the creation of groups and organizations that students can join or be part of that reflect their interests. Forming relationships with students, grading work in a timely manner (so that it gives both the student, the parents and the teacher insight into how the students are doing and be able to remediate sooner rather than later.

V. GRMS MEDIA CENTER UPDATES

Nicole Bohanan, GRMS Media Specialist, reported that a Book Fair was held in conjunction with Steam and Art Night. The Book Fair netted about \$1000 which will be used to purchase books and update the non-fiction section of the Media Center. Ms. Bohanan also reported that there will be A Virtual Poetry Reading given by poet Peter Brown on November 19 and 20, 2025.

VI. SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Ms. Jennifer Collins, our School Board representative, congratulated Executive Secretary Ms. Stacey Lindahl for being chosen Support Staff of the Year.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lisa Calvert, Youth Librarian at the SE Branch of the SJC Public Library, reported that the library is recruiting teens for the Advisory Group. This group works in and out of the library and have input into activities designed for children.

Other Public comments:

1. There will be a Best Buddy Gala on November 21, 2025.
2. An Academy Showcase will be held at the WGV on December 10, 2025, for 7th and 8th graders.
3. The Nutcracker will be performed at the FSDB on December 13 and 14. Some of our students will be performing.

VIII. EVALUATION AND CLOSURE

Having no further business, Nicole Bohanan moved to adjourn. Julie Iniaovngsa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next SAC meeting will be held on December 18, 2025, at 3 p.m. in the GRMS Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Villadoniga, Secretary