

Minutes - Gainesville Middle School Parent Teacher Organization and Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Principal's Time

- Information about the Advisory Council including minutes available on the school website
- reviewed high-functioning principal advisory council indicators
- Inaugural GVMS House Night
- Halloween Duckies
- Operation Turkey Food Drive
- lowest chronic absenteeism for middle school in the county
- house games tomorrow 10/31
- GVMS monthly character traits
- Budget
 - We have not received the final budget from the county
 - 1406 students
 - 100% fully staffed
 - 93.43% of the budget is spent on staffing
 - This leaves 6.57% for building operations

SACI- Becca Young

- Standards of Excellence for School Advisory Councils - The first half of the meeting was a deep dive on the School Advisory Councils (SAC). The Strategic Goal for this year is that 85% of schools have a highly functioning SAC. Discussed what metrics/behaviors meet "highly functioning". Included Schedule, Meeting Topics, Membership, Communication with families, and the SACI rep role.
- Orientation for Members - The second half of the meeting was focused on SACI Orientation. They discussed what the group is and what the expectations for council members are. Meetings this year will be 2nd Thursday each month. They have the planned topics and are hoping to put out a long-term agenda for the year soon. We do know the February topic will be the 2026 2027 Budget.
- Calendar/ Best Practices Conference - Lastly they gave a quick update from the School Calendar Committee and mentioned "Best Practices Conferences" and are asking for interest from each school's Advisory Council/PTO. It will be starting soon. They mentioned they used to do it but stopped over the past few years. They were able to bring it back this year and will be supported by the School Admin staff and Office of Family Engagement.

Citizen's Time

- light on Wentworth Green onto Limestone
- there is not a school zone flashing light there
- Schultz sent proposal to project, permits and facilities
- parent can contact for support
- testing email SOL test not changing for this year

Adjourn

- Nov. 13th next meeting