



**GICS/GCHS SAC Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2015**

Members Present:

Mrs. Abraham, Principal GCS, Mrs. Weeks, Vice Principal GCHS, Mr. Parfitt, Vice Principal GCIS, Mrs. Fultz, GCHS/GCIS, Anna Burelli, GCHS, Lisa Legiec, GCHS, Teresa Purdie, GCIS, Abby Perkins, Parent/GCIS, Jessica Schuchard, Parent/GCIS, Scott Allen, GCHS, Mr. Kukuruga, GCHS, Denise Mathey, GCHS, Marie Eastwood, GCHS, Sam McDowell, Next Level Church, Laurie Todd, Parent

Welcome:

Mrs. Abraham welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new middle school Vice Principal, Mr. Chris Parfitt. Elections were held for the positions of Chairman and Secretary. The following were voted in:

- Chairman:
- Secretary: Teresa Purdie

Homecoming (Mrs. Weeks):

Homecoming was held last week at Pelican Preserve and was very successful. This was the first year students were allowed to decorate halls and the cafeteria. Students commented that this was the best homecoming celebration. Prom will be held at Sanibel Harbor Resort this year.

Testing Results (Mrs. Weeks & Mrs. Fultz):

Testing results from last year were received today. These include results from the FSA and EOC tests. Mrs. Abraham will conduct a presentation with results at the next meeting.

Students are currently completing NWEA and CMA testing this week. NWEA testing provides baseline scores for basic math and reading skills. This data is used to uncover which students need additional tutoring

Sports (Mr. Allen):

Fall sports are currently in session (football, cross-country, volleyball and cheerleading).

- The middle school boys and girls basketball teams have their first game tonight.
- The football team will be play a pink-out game this Friday, October 2 at the home field. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to show their support.
- Volleyball will also be having a pink-out game on Tuesday, October 13. If fans wear pink, admission will be half price.
- Senior Night will be held on October 15 for volleyball (6 seniors) and October 23 for football (16 seniors). This football game will be a black or whiteout game, more information to follow.
- Winter sports will include: boys and girls soccer and boys and girls basketball.
- Spirit shirts can be purchased from Mr. Allen or online (until 10/4) at www.bsnsports.com/mts. Students are able to wear spirit shirts during designated dress down days.
- The football team hosted a pancake breakfast at Stevie Tomatoes last Saturday. The team raise over \$900 and sold 130 tickets. Stevie Tomatoes supports the team by providing pre-game meals.
- Sports tryouts are announced over the PA and during gym class.

Guidance (Mr. Kukurugya):

Wells Fargo is hosting a financial aid night this evening. The following colleges are scheduled to visit the school:

10/1 – Trip to FGCU

10/2 – Ringling College of Art & Design

10/5 – Tech College

10/8 – University of Florida

10/9 – Florida Southwestern

10/29 – Senior trip to Florida Southwestern

Realtor's Breakfast (Mrs. Abraham):

Local real estate agents are hosting a breakfast on October 8th at 8:00am for new families to the area. Gateway will be present to showcase the educational opportunities provided by CSUSA. So far there have been a lot of RSVPs. Parent volunteers are welcomed to attend and assist.

Do the Right Thing (Mrs. Weeks):

This a program run by the Sherriff's office, our SRO acts as the liaison for the program. Nine students were nominated for awards and five received awards during a recent ceremony. Students were awarded for varies good deeds including: returning a cell phone, returning an iPod, returning a wallet with money and stepping in to prevent a bullying incident on the bus. Five students have already been nominated for next month. GCS plans to win the Do the Right Thing school award this year.

The school is participating in activities which give back to the community (can food drive, pet food drive and shoe drive).

Freshman Academy (Mrs. Fultz):

Freshman attend the academy during half-days (once a month). The first academy was held this month. Students were placed into random groups in an effort to meet new people and to reduce bullying. During the first academy students were exposed to team building activities and communication skills. The academic agenda is as follows:

2 hours – Activities

30 min. – Reflect

30 min. – Put in writing for a grade

*Project at the end of the academy

Parent asked if this was considered for sixth grade students.

Strategic Plan (Mr. Parfitt):

Leader in Me (Covey) program to assist with identifying leadership opportunities. The elementary school is currently running this program. Students are presented with a new character each month (September is proactive). The purpose of the program is to teach coping skills and positive reinforcement.

High School Industry Certification (Mrs. Weeks):

Students in Technology class are able to sit for their Microsoft certification. One student is ready to test. The school is looking for additional certification opportunities to implement in the future.

Tutoring (Mrs. Fultz):

All teachers provide free tutoring one day per week. Students should check with their teacher for individual schedules. Bootcamps for tested subject will begin in November with one bootcamp provided per month. Bootcamps are free. Bootcamps will become more frequent after the holidays.

GCHS/GCIS Giving Back:

Ms. Strumball has volunteered to provide non-English speaking parents with lessons in conversational English. Lessons will be held one day per week and are free.

Fall Fest (Mrs. Abraham):

Fall Fest is scheduled for November 7th 10:00am – 2:00pm. There are lots of fun activities planned to include: bounce houses, food, games, face painting and other activities. Volunteers are needed for the event. Every grade level will host a booth.

Cambridge Scores (Mrs. Weeks):

Cambridge scores are in and diplomas should be printed this month.

Parking Lot (Parent):

Parent concerned about parents entering the student parking lot during morning drop off. Ms. Mathey suggested using cones to block off the area.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4 at 3:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm