

Gladstone Elementary School



"Home of the Griffins"

School Site Council Agenda
 Tuesday, February 2, 2010
 Staff Lounge—5:15-6:15

Topic	Action/Notes
Norms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect each other and their opinions • Start on time • End on time or early • Undivided attention to the speaker • Allow the speaker to finish 	Chair— Maureen Secretary— Tracy
What's Happening?—Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism is still happening. • Parking is better now that Mrs. Shapiro is out during parking and dismissal more often. • Suggest character signs out there around parking area to remind parents they are modeling character for their kids. • Ms. Shapiro will send an email to parents as a reminder. • Math feedback from the Coffee with the Principal was overall positive. Second grade parents had some challenges with the order of the math at the beginning of the year.
School Needs – Summary of Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached handout • Some items crossed off as needs have changed, other crossed off because we have acquired them. • Ms. Shapiro is working on getting a lock on the bathroom outside the office so parent volunteers have access to an open restroom.
Single Site Plan – Everyone Please bring your notebook. Review Focus Area 5: Parent Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particularly support for special events from parents is very helpful • We would get more volunteers if teachers were willing to allow parents to take something home. This would help working parents. • Work on having more parents complete the parent survey (Classroom reward for completion. • Consider doing a beginning of the year survey and fall survey with registration. • Web page traffic is declining
Data Results—Number of students at Gladstone K-5	We can get data based on the number of students that have been at Gladstone from K-5. Council members want to see data for students we have consistently.
Homework Philosophy Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework as long as 2 hours for a 1st grader; strategies to assist with her completing homework • Distracted students make a reasonable amount of homework forever; giving practice • 3rd grade policy is piloting a 30 minute routine

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When there is a day they don't get it done they go to homework club when other kids don't do it ever and don't have a consequence.• Flexibility would be helpful for families that have many activities.• Upper grades have so many standards they need to have mastered, homework is critical to that mastery.• Get out of jail free card for an occasional missed homework.
Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See the Attached handout.• Approved sound systems and Cable TV receivers are beginning to be installed in all classrooms.
Parent Survey Preparation	Tabled until the next meeting.
Nominations for Next Year's SSC	Parents and staff interested in being considered for election to the Site Council next year, need to let Ms. Shapiro know. Eric Waage visited the meeting today to learn more about SSC.
Other	Tuesday, March 2 Next Meeting