

September 2018 Board Meeting Report - GCMS

- August was a great month. We had a fantastic start to the school year. The positivity and energy can be felt in the building.
- We ended up with 10 new teachers, 1 new instructional assistant, 1 new assistant principal and 1 interim principal. Out of our new staff only three were new to teaching, the rest have brought their talents to us from other schools.
- We had issues with MAP as we tried to do one entire grade level at a time. We adjusted to a smaller group the next day and still experienced issues. After several attempts it was decided to forgo the Fall testing. We have still been testing any individual students who move in and do not have MAP scores for us to place them appropriately.
- Mrs. Biddle and Mr. Arnold have been working hard to amp up the positive public relations. We try to post 3-5 positive items from our school on the GCMS Facebook page per week. Mrs. Biddle also set up a GCMS Announcements Remind as well as keeping the Google calendar set up through the district webpage up to date.
- We have completed all of our back to school safety drills.
- GCMS SBDM sent their By Laws and Policies to be reviewed by KASC. The review complimented the council on having a policy to cover everything we are legally required to have. However, there are many wording issues, incorrect organization and other small items to address. KASC's auditor listed the policies in order of importance to get corrected. The council will begin this process at their next meeting.
- Mr. Arnold completed his Certified Evaluation Training. Ms. Roberts, Mr. Aaron Jones and Mr. Arnold completed Teacher Leader In Me training last week.
- We had a wonderful assembly on Friday on bullying and suicide prevention. The speaker was engaging and covered all items necessary. He captured all of the students' attention.