



**11.2.2023 MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35**

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Mary Thurber, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Spencer Kirkemo, Mariel Warren, Nickole Barnes, Melissa Melton, Carrie Ash

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Presiding Trustee’s Explanation of Procedures**
4. **Public Comment – Non Agenda Items**
 - a. None
5. **Discussion**
 - a. **Committee Member Introductions:** Committee members introduced themselves, discussed why they wanted to be on WCC and talked about their WCC goals for the 2023-2024 School Year. Common themes were healthy and nutritious eating as well as enhanced physical activity opportunities for students and staff at GGS.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. None
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Review Whole Child Mandate:**
 - i. **Introduce Committee**
 1. What is a Whole Child Education? A successful learner is one whose achievement is not only measured by academic tests but who is also knowledgeable, emotionally and physically healthy, civically inspired, engaged in the arts, prepared for work and economic self-sufficiency, and ready for the world beyond formal schooling.
 2. Five tenets:
 - a. Healthy
 - b. Safe
 - c. Engaged
 - d. Supported
 - e. Challenged
 - ii. **Richard Russell National School Lunch Act:** The Act declares the policy of Congress in respect to Federal assistance to the States, through grants-in-aid and other means, in providing an adequate supply of foods and other facilities for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and expansion of non-profit school

lunch programs. Whole Child Committee establishment in schools is mandated by this Act.

iii. ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development)

Handbook: The ASCD is an available resource for our Committee and will be especially helpful as we develop mechanisms for continuous improvement to our food service and physical education programs at GGS.

iv. Corrections: We will be deleting the following bullet point from our Mandate under Scope (the “what”): “Recommend a professional development plan for the subsequent school year to the GGS Board” as we already have a PDAC Committee specifically devoted to this mission. We also broke up Scope (the “what”) and Approach (the “how”) into separate sections.

- b. **Review GGS Wellness Plan:** We talked briefly about improving the WCC section of the GGS website as well as assigning Committee members certain areas of the Wellness Plan to review against what is truly being done at GGS. Both of these topics will be readdressed at the next meeting.
- c. **Committee Goals for the 2023-2024 School Year:** This will also be a topic of discussion at our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held January 4, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

Mary Thurber, Vice Chair

Brittney Bateman, District Clerk