



**UGMS SCHOOL COUNCIL
2020-2021
December 3, 2020 Agenda/Minutes**

7:40 a.m. call to order with the following present:

Mr. Sean Thompson, Principal

Ms. Geni Reed, Chairperson

Ms. Jymmyca Wyatt, Vice Chairperson

Ms. Kori Owens, Teacher Representative

Ms. Elyse Rochowski, Teacher Representative

Ms. Kimberly Billings, Community Parent

Ms. Joyce Vaughn, Secretary

- I. Welcome and Pledge**
- II. Approval of Minutes / Agenda-**motion was made by Ms. Reed to approve, Ms. Owens seconded the motion
- III. Continuous School Improvement Plan and Why-**Mr. Thompson shared a CSIP Goals (Differentiation/Engagement) sheet with the Council. One thing that was brought up was that certain demographics have not changed through the years (ie. disabilities, gifted, economic), but a change in the diversity of the student population has caused the need to shift practices to better meet the needs of that student population. Also, in the Middle School years, a lack of motivation and engagement, and an uptick in socialization is a good recipe for a decrease in academic focus.
Link to [CSIP goals](#).
- IV. December “Dream”-What opportunities would we like to see at UGMS that are not a current part of our academic or extracurricular offerings?**-The following academic opportunities were mentioned: STEM for the gifted program, peer tutoring/mentoring, HS Health and PE courses offered during the MS years, bringing in career/professional opportunities through Partners in Ed. Extracurricular opportunities mentioned were: STEM/STEAM activities outside of classroom, cultural exposure, Model UN club, and a 6th grade activity since they are not allowed to participate in sports.

V. Academic Updates and Semester 1 Status

a) Failures

-Roughly 50% of our students have an F in at least one subject.

-Of these, 267 or roughly 25% of our students, have two F's in a subject.

-Of these, 145, or roughly 13% of our students, have more than two F's in a subject.

b) Recovery Pathways-Ms. Flowers came in to explain the academic concern letters that went out to parents and how students may participate in a learning pathway for each content area that may be needed to get the student back on track. This student led/driven pathway program is done outside of the normal school day, and students will have until January 3rd to complete.

c) Celebrations

V. Open Comments/Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m., the next meeting will be January 7th at 7:30 a.m.