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SOT Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
Gehring Academy Library

Members:
Kimberly Anderson (Licensed)
Maya Elliott (Parent)
Lisa Liu (Parent)
Kerry Penn (Support Staff)
Jamie Petersen (Licensed)
Sarah Robinson(Principal)
Christine Sheets (Parent)
Monica Shrestha (Parent)
Community Member(s) - TBD per SOT Board approval

New Agenda Items:

- Approval of previous Minutes from May 20th, 2026:
- Celebrations:
    - Gehring Basketball/Soccer Court update
    - Start of the School Year, Open House
- New to Gehring Staff
- Standard Student Attire (uniform) update
    - 89% voted for the SSA
- Health & Safety Protocols Public Service Announcements - Shown at August and October Meetings
    - Elementary Schools: https://bit.ly/heartedES
    - Community: https://bit.ly/heartedcom
    - Community Spanish: http://bit.ly/4ooS6jl
- School Improvement Plan Review and Approval
- Next meeting: For the 2026-27 SOT Board: Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, @ 4:00 pm

General Discussion:

Old Agenda Items:

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- CCSD Code of Conduct Review
    - English
    - Spanish
    - Incident Response Guide for Reference
- School Performance Plan update - Erin Erdman - Act 2: Status Check 2
    - Gehring SIP Act 1 2025-26.pdf
- Act 2 Status Check (February)
- Standard Student Attire Overview Committee - to vote on attire
        - Do parents/guardians support the adoption of standard student attire?
        - District Regulation 5131
    - Series of informational meetings - 5 total for Stakeholders (Breakfast events, PTA, Award Ceremonies
    - Site-based Committee
        - 6 parents
        - 2 teachers
        - 2 students
        - 1 administrator
    - April 2026 - Parents notified by email of the stakeholder ballot for standard student attire
        - The first primary parent/guardian listed in Infinite Campus will receive the ballot
        - Only 1 ballot per household for Kindergarten - 4th grade students (no ballot sent to 5th grade families)
        - Make sure that the primary contact's email is not set to private in Infinite Campus to ensure to receive the ballot.
    - Pros of Student Attire: Supporters believe that Standard Student Attire:

      •Promotes safety by reducing the ability to hide weapons, drugs or alcohol.
      •Fosters safety by clearly identifying students who belong on campus.
      •Allows students and staff to focus more attention on increasing student achievement.
      •Minimizes loss of instructional time since students are not removed from class for dress code violations.
      •Enhances a positive school climate by promoting student responsibility, self-discipline and school pride.
      •May help reduce disruptive conduct and mistreatment of students.
      •Eliminates dress differences that emphasize different income levels.
      •Is viewed as a cost savings.
      •Simplifies daily school preparation and maintenance for families.

    - Cons of Student Attire: Opponents believe that Standard Student Attire:

      •Is viewed more favorably by parents and teachers than students.
      •Limits the creativity of a student due to an inflexible and strict dress code.
      •May conflict with dress requirements or customs of some cultural groups.
      •Restricts an individual's freedom to express herself/himself.

- •Reduces the ability of a student to express his/her beliefs in a non-violent way.
- •Removes parent's ability to control the clothing his/her child wears.
- •Is viewed as an additional cost.
- •Has not been directly tied to increasing student achievement.

- Library Winter Book order for approval
- School Performance Plan for Review and Approval from August 2025
- Library Book order for approval - Ms. Duffy - Librarian - approved
- Budget update for approval
- Health and School Safety Tools - Public Service Announcements
  - ***PSA Links***
    - Elementary Schools: https://bit.ly/heartedES
    - Community: https://bit.ly/heartedcom
    - Community Spanish: http://bit.ly/4ooS6jl
- SOT formation
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - How SOTs function
  - The First SOT Meeting
  - Guide
    - Chair
    - Vice-Chair
    - Community Member(s) - Optional
  - Establishing norms
  - Parliamentary procedures
- School Improvement Plan Update - approved
  - Updated SIP October 2025
  - Status Check 2 Act 1
  - School Improvement Plan 25-26

Information:
Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th, 2026, @ 4:00 pm - (may be adjusted due to budget timelines) - Final meeting of the current 2025-26 SOT Board

Public Comment Period: (Called in order of the sign-in sheet, only 2 minutes per person)