



**Glasgow Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes - Approved via voice vote on November 12, 2019
October 15, 2019 – 2nd meeting of the school year**

Board Members' Attendance:

Position	Name	Present	Absent
President	Gina Pizziconi-Cupples	X	
VP, Organization & Outreach	Jenna White		X
VP, School Activities	Sandy Bentkofsky Lisa Farkas	X	X
VP, Communications	Byron Schrecker		X
Treasurer	Becky Cranna		X
Secretary	Amina Khan	X	

Spanish Translator: Ms. Marcia Donovan

Estimated Attendance: 19

The meeting began at 7:00p.m., adjourned at 7:55p.m., and took place in the Cafeteria.

President Gina Pizziconi-Cupples welcomed everyone and included the following mentions/actions:

- Motioned to approve minutes from September 10, 2019; motion was seconded and passed via voice vote
- Treasurer's report was mentioned and copies were readily available for meeting attendees
- Upcoming events: 1) International Potluck on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6:30-8p.m.
2) Next PTA meeting November 12, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Mr. Shawn DeRose, Glasgow Middle School Principal, then introduced the panel for the Parent Grading Workshop presentation: Katie Madigan, Assistant Principal, Joash Chung, Student Services Director and Danielle Griffin, Instructional Coach

Key points from Parent Grading Workshop presentation: (Link to presentation can be found in Mr. DeRose's Glasgow Community Gazette. Brochures summarizing Glasgow's grading policies are available as well).

- Glasgow is an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program School (IBMYP)
- Assessments and grading should help students know their areas of strength and areas of growth
- Overall grades reflect student's current level of mastery on skills and content covered so far
- A student's overall grade is based on trends *and* not averages. The student's performance data *over time* is used in order to demonstrate the student's mastery of knowledge over time. The average *is not* used to calculate an overall grade.
- Through various assignments and assessments, multiple opportunities are provided to the student to learn, to practice, to understand, and to demonstrate mastery
- Individual assignments are used as a tool to inform teachers and students about the student's understanding of the concepts being taught
- Types of assignments:

- Summative, which is 80% of the overall grade, are assessments that evaluate a student's learning according to a benchmark
- Formative, which is 10-20% of overall grade, are assignments that check for understanding as the student progresses through a unit
- Homework is up to 10% of overall grade
- Every subject follows the same standards for grading; 4 criteria are used: A = Knowledge, B = Investigation, C = Communication, and D = Thinking/Reflection
- Each criterion is scored on a scale from 0 – 8. The sum of all 4 criteria provides the overall grade. A rubric is available that can translate the numeric value to a letter grade
- Glasgow does have a retake policy for summatives only: A student is allowed and encouraged to retake a summative, especially if the student earned a 3 or below. After a retake, the student will receive the higher grade (and *not* the average).

Who to contact with questions:

Grading policies: Joash Chung, Student Services Director jhchung@fcps.edu

IBMYP program: Nonye Oladimeji, IBMYP Program coordinator CEOladimeji@fcps.edu

SIS Parent Vue: Jacqueline Baires, Student Services Assistant jebaires@fcps.edu

Contact Student's Counselor – with questions about your student's grades overall

Contact Student's Teacher – with questions about your student's grade in a class or on an assignment

Principal's Update:

- Read the weekly [Glasgow Community Gazette](#)
- Author R.J. Palacio visited past week to speak with students, sign books, and host an assembly for the 6th grade students. Her latest book, *White Bird: A Wonder Story* discusses the power of kindness.
- All middle school principals in Fairfax County will attend a meeting at Glasgow on October 16th, 2019 and observe the classrooms.

Respectfully recorded on October 16, 2019 by Sandy Bentkofsky, Glasgow PTA Vice President, School Activities, and submitted on November 12, 2019 by Amina Khan, Glasgow PTA Secretary.