**End of Year Report**

School Advisory Committee

**Garmisch Elementary/ Middle School**

School Year 2013-2014

**1. SAC Board Membership:**

Principal: David Groat (non-voting)

Teacher Representative & Vice-Chair: Bill Morgan

Teacher Representative : Rita Stangl

School Bus Officer: Martin Brewer (non-voting)

School Liaison Officer: Lisa Carlson (non-voting)

Parent Representative: Christine Provencher

Parent Representative & Chair: Amy Mikits

**2. SAC Meetings held during the report period:**

September 10, 2013

November 12, 2013

February 10, 2014

May 12, 2014

**3. The goals and objectives of the SAC Board**

1. Continue to implement NO Bullying Policy for all school areas

2. Consider acquisition of appropriate playground equipment for Middle school-age children

**4. Success in achieving goals and objectives**

**A.** Continue to implement NO Bullying Policy for all school areas.

1. **Focus on positive traits**: every month a new trait is highlighted. School-wide themes focus on kindness, respect, citizenship, etc which support a positive school and community environment which reduce the potential for bullying. Bulletin boards throughout school are part of this effort.

2. **Model good behavior**. Counseling sessions in each classroom by GEMS counselor facilitate this effort. Teachers and other adults that interact with students will model positive behavior.

3. **New** **Mandated Bullying Prevention** **Committee** to meet every 2 months (reps from ACS, CYS, GEMS). Membership mandated from higher headquarters.

Bullying can take many shapes.  The type Principal Groat sees at our school is exclusionary behavior. A new "Buddy Bench" has been proposed on the school playground to help students reach out to a potential new friend. Funding will come through PTA.

4. Counselor, Deb Young, has spoken with students of every grade level to prepare them for daily interactions. **Role-playing** is often used to help students see the results of bullying.

5. There was also a **special session** for Middle school parents on types of bullying.

**B**. Acquisition of appropriate playground equipment for older children.

1.) New playground layout could be influenced by proposed building project (funding year 2015): Addition of gym and cafeteria to current building structure.

a. New soccer goals might be put in place of old basketball court.

b. Engineers have the Plan under design with construction slated to begin December 2015.

**5. Concerns requiring additional review and recommendations for the succeeding SAC Board:**

1. Continue pursuing No Bullying policy. Refocus on positive school environment and interpersonal relationships.

2. Increase STEM focus with the addition of various afterschool activities and school-wide STEM programs.

**GEMS vision: *Growing Excellent Motivated Students* supports Continuous School Improvement**

1. School goals: a. All students will improve their writing skills across the curriculum. b.  All students will improve their mathematical problem-solving skills across the curriculum.

2. Exemplary Work Wall: highlights and honors students completing their best work. It intends to honor those "doing great things" and "motivate others to better work."

3. On-going professional development for the staff in GEMS goal areas and other areas.

4. Co-teaching via VTC, math coaching and math journaling in addition to utilizing all technology available to the staff in our facility enhances our educational affect.

5. 21st century professional development training for teachers.

submitted by Amy Mikits, chair, June 16, 2014