**GPMS School Council**

**Monday, Oct. 28, 2019**

**7:00pm, Foods Room**

1. **Welcome and Introductions –** Annae Jones

**Attendance**: Annae Jones, Lindsey Hagen, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Lilli Banks, Louise Lacanilao, Catherine Thorsen, Darryl Christiansen, Annette Siemens, Vicki Hazelwood

1. **Approval of the Agenda – Louise, Annette,**
2. **Approval of September Minutes**
3. **2018-19 Executive**

CHAIR – Annae Jones

VICE-CHAIR – Becky Ash

TREASURER – Arlene Anderson

SECRETARY – Vicki Hazelwood

DSC REP – Heather Paul

1. **Financial Statement –** Tabled
2. **ADMINISTRATION Reports**

**Darryl Christiansen (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)**

1. Term 2/3 Options and PowerSchool
* We have been at full capacity with all the options.
* We were able to adjust staffing and add options to make 2/3 Options work. Power School will need to be closed down for a week to set up all the term 2/3 options.
1. Middle School Report Card information
* Last year we piloted the new online comments with some teachers. This year all middle schools in the city are going with online comments attached to assignments and marks. Staff are learning to navigate the system and how to provide comments. Administration is continuing to work to support staff as they learn this new system.
1. Fundraiser report / parent feedback
* Power Cards were sold in September. It was an easier process then past fundraiser.
* 800 cards were sold. We made about $10,000.
* At a future meeting we could talk about what other businesses we’d like to see on the card.
* Suggestion to post the card photo on website so people can read the larger PDF text since text was small and difficult for some to read.
1. Parent Teacher Interview feedback
* We had new software for Parent Teacher Interviews that is District wide.
1. PAT results June 2019
* PAT results are available on the website.
* Math is an area of focus in the province.
1. Athletics / Fine Arts
* Remembrance Day assembly Friday, Nov. 8, 10:30AM
* Drama play is underway.
* Volleyball zones will be held for Rep teams this weekend at Gilbert Paterson.
* Basketball will be starting soon.

**Lindsey Hagen (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)**

1. Professional Learning – Middle School Day and School Directions
* New computer programs is an ongoing part of PD
* October’s PD was a full day at Lakie. The morning was spent with Rick Gleason talking about concept-based curriculum. In the afternoon teachers worked together with grade levels and disciplines.
* November 12th is the District collaboration day for half of the day when teachers will work with others across the District. The other half of the day is with the Gilbert Paterson team together.
* Teacher committees have been working to plan some of the ROAR activities. Staff will regroup to see what next steps are.
1. Inquiry-Based Professional Growth
* We are in year three with this. Teachers are more comfortable coming up with their questions and what they would like to do.
1. Student Leadership Group
* Students have met once so far. Reps from the grade 7/8 will have an opportunity to attend a leadership event at the University of Lethbridge.

**Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator)**

1. Counselling Team / Services and Universal Supports
* We are looking at Universal Supports that are accessible to everyone. Game on and Go Girls with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to talk about social skills.
1. Nutrition Grant
* We received a grant for $10,000 for our lunch program to help with 25 kids/day lunch, snacks and breakfast.
* The LOFT program is providing coats, mitts, tshirts etc for free. Students visit administration, teachers or counselling team with requests.
* Donations for the LOFT can be brought to the office.
* We will be working with My City Cares for after school family access to clothing.
1. French Immersion
* French students went to the Movie Mill to watch French films with other French students in Lethbridge.
1. ROAR
* What can we do to define Paterson? We have talked about it, branded it and now we are working on living it through assemblies and 20-minute activities on Friday.
* We are reaching into the community to address child poverty.

**Administration – Feedback or Questions?**

* In the spring we talked about providing feminine hygiene products in the washroom. We are trying to figure out a way, so they are not wasted. Students can approach teachers, admin, councillors and staff in the office.
1. **School Council Direction – Roundtable discussion**

What activities/presentations would you like to have at Council?

What other areas would you like to hear more about from admin reports? How do you want to be involved in your school?

* Possible guest speaker topics: social, emotional, digital citizenship
* Some interest expressed in keeping meeting to one hour.
* Think about how you want to be involved in your school? Are there other ways you’d like to be involved in the school community?
* Daryl and Catherine will ask teachers if there are ways, they could use parent’s support.
1. **September Fundraising –** PowerCards - Becky / Darryl
* **See above**
1. **Book Fair thank you and update –** Becky (Sara)
* Made $3,000 so Sara gets $800 for the library.
1. **Hot Lunch – moving forward –** Admin / Becky
* Do we need hot lunch at Middle School?
* It is getting logistically difficult with our numbers
* We are running out of space to line up 200 kids for hot lunch
* Looking at changing to random pizza days once and a while or Booster Juice.
1. **Staff Appreciation Lunch –** Vicki will organize a lunch for Tuesday, Dec. 3rd.
2. **District School Council Report – No report**
3. **Other**
* Chris Kokh, triple quadriplegic, farmer, marathoner, Feb./March

**Motion to end meeting: Anita, Lilli, 8:15PM**

**Next meeting: November 18, 2019**

**CALENDAR – please see the website for updates and detailed athletics and fine arts**

* Oct. 31 – Halloween – Dress up day
* Nov. 1/2 – Zone volleyball at Paterson
* Nov. 8 – Remembrance Day assembly 10:30 AM, Large Gym (Friday)
* Nov. 11 – No School – Remembrance Day statutory holiday
* Nov. 12 – District Collaborative Communities for Staff Development (Tues - no school for students)
* Nov. 15 – Rock Your Mocs Day
* Nov. 18 – Parent Council Meeting 7PM