

**GPMS School Council
Monday, Oct. 25, 2021
6:30 PM – Zoom Invite**



1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Introductions – Darryl

Attendance: Darryl Christiansen, Lindsey Hagen, Annette Siemens, Arlene Anderson, Brie Schindel, Carrie Boschman, Catherine Thorsen, Jen Gordon, Jen S. Jenn Prosser, Jocelyn Smith, Jamie Walburger, Evelyn Murakami,

2. Approval of the Agenda – Annette Siemens, Jocelyn Smith,

3. Approval of September 2021 Minutes – Carrie Boschman, Jennifer Gordon,

4. Financial Report – Arlene Anderson

GPMS \$1,174.24

Tiger Society \$10,508.03

5. Election / Appointment of new officers – chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, DSC rep

Chair: Carrie Boschman – Jenn Prosser, Annette Siemens, all in favour

Vice-Chair: Jennifer Gordon – Carrie Boschman, Jocelyn Smith

Treasurer: Arlene Anderson (trainee Jen Gordon) – Jennifer Gordon, Carrie Boschman,

Secretary: Vicki Hazelwood (trainee Jenn Prosser) – Jocelyn Smith, Jamie Walburger,

DSC Rep: Jamie Walburger, alternate Carrie Boschman

MOTION:

- The new Chair will be Carrie Boschman – motioned by Jenn Prosser, seconded by Annette Siemens, all in favour.
- The new Vice Chair will be Jennifer Gordon – motioned by Carrie Boschman, seconded by Jocelyn Smith, all in favour.
- Arlene Anderson will hold the Treasurer position with Jen Gordon as trainee – motioned by Jennifer Gordon, seconded by Carrie Boschman, all in favour.
- Vicki Hazelwood will hold the Secretary position with Jenn Prosser as trainee – motioned by Jocelyn Smith, seconded by Jamie Walburger, all in favour.

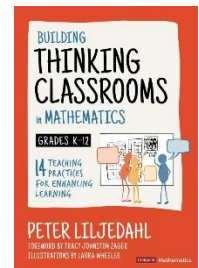
ACTION: Darryl will look into parameters of parent council meeting in person for November.

6. ADMINISTRATION Reports

Darryl Christiansen (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)

- a. Administration staffing update – Ms. Hagen will leave on maternity leave this week. A new teacher has been hired to cover Mr. Bruner's role as Mr. Bruner will be stepping into the VP role.
- b. New CoVid case procedures

- Livestreaming of sport games has been used for fall to date. As of tomorrow, parents will be permitted to be spectators in person with vaccination or negative test within 72hrs, masks and distancing in place.
 - Volunteers and community members are being welcomed back to the school under the vaccination exemption program.
 - Thank you parents for your flexibility and for working with the rules.
- c. Gilbert Paterson Assurance Plan overview (Education Plan) – The new Assurance (Education) Plan will be up on the website shortly. We will be touching on a different aspect of the Assurance plan each month.
- Growth and Achievement Plan – Numeracy and Literacy Committees,
- LITERACY Committee:** Asked the questions - What is something we'd like to look at in the area of writing and in the area of reading. Teachers are noticing a hesitancy of students to engage in writing tasks. Recognizing need for confidence and perseverance in writing. What ways can we nurture confidence and perseverance in writing? How do we help with the pre-writing?
How do we encourage students to nurture the reading lives of students? Looking at ways to make reading a community experience. One idea was "I love reading" month. How do we share the love of books that we have?
- NUMERACY Committee:** Teachers reviewed the pre-assessment data from late September. Teachers identified areas to zone in on such as fractions, graphing, and problem solving. The Numeracy Committee will be following the works of Peter Liljedahl.
- d. Remembrance Day assembly and Fine Arts update
- We aren't able to gather as a school so we are unable to hold a large assembly so we will be holding a virtual assembly with students watching it in their classrooms. It will also be up on YouTube channel. Choir and Band will be participating and recorded ahead of time.
 - Choir and Band are working towards their winter concerts. More information will be communicated regarding spectators and protocols closer to the date.
 - There is about two weeks left with athletics. Monday Nov. 15th basketball camps will start.
 - 45 athletes went to Zones in Medicine Hat. We won the Zone championships.



Lindsey Hagen (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)

- a. Staff Professional Learning update
 - Collaborative learning happened between all the Division
 - Indigenous Lead Teachers came to Gilbert Paterson for an afternoon of learning for the staff
 - Parent Teacher interviews were on the Thursday/Friday
- b. Parent Teacher interview Feedback
 - Teachers appreciated the chance to connect with parents even though it needed to be in a Zoom format.
- c. Leadership activities
 - Grade 8: Rock your Moc – Nov. 15

- Grade 7:
- Grade 6: Reverse Trick or Treating – bringing treats to neighbours around the school and offering help where needed such as garbage pick up.
- d. Bussing, Photos, PowerSchool questions
 - Photo retakes have happened

Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator)

- a. CoVid protocol update- Soon getting information from AHS about tracking positive cases. If there is a positive case in the building then an email will be sent to every family. If there is a positive case in a cohort then we will do tracking.
- b. ISPs and student supports – Working on seeing where students are at and are adjust supports where needed.
- c. French Immersion update – Preparing for our international proficiency tests. Working on daily writing. Encouraging use of daily writing.
- d. Wellness, Counselling Team information –
 - Lunch support in partnership with Food Banks,
 - counselling team in classrooms teaching anxiety strategies with students
 - Looking at Christmas needs for families and donation collections.
 - Tues., Nov 9th there will be a Division wide Zoom conference with students in their classrooms with Ted Emmitt regarding social media responsibility and cell phone responsibility and wellness. Follow up activities will happen after in smaller groups. A follow up evening session will be available for parents at 6:30PM

Administration – Feedback or Questions?

- We are very proud of our students and so happy to have them back in the building!

7. Tiger Society Info – Darryl (Tabled for November meeting)

Question: Some schools have a different exec. for Tiger Society. What does GP do?

A: GP has the same exec for both Council meeting and Tiger Society. Membership is optional to whichever parents choose to stay after the general council meeting.

8. District School Council Report – Jamie

- We have elected DSC positions and elected people to committees
- If anyone is interested in serving on a committee the Community Engagement Committee is welcoming additional parents. Please let Jamie know if you are interested.
- Friends of 51 Event was held recognizing 37 individuals and organizations that support the school division.
- Board held final meeting with 5 Trustees that said good bye after election
- Over 3,000 responses to survey. It is posted on Community Engagement Page.
- Currently they are collecting feedback on the curriculum.
<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>

- ASCA is offering sessions for Parent Council's across the province. Our school will be receiving some money to hold information sessions. One option is to pool this money with other schools to share the sessions.
- Jamie_walburger@hotmail.com for ideas for parent learning sessions. You can also email Leanne.tedder@lethsd.ab.ca at division office for parent learning session ideas.
- Discussed bussing issued and challenges.
- Indoor sports and spectators are being review weekly.
- School Calendar Advisory Group will be meeting in Dec/Jan. If you'd like to give feedback on the school calendar, please send it to Jamie.
- A rep from the Wellness Committee has asked for suggestions and ideas about resources for supporting families in their homes. Email edjokoto@shaw.ca to send ideas/suggestions for wellness at home resources.
- Parent Information Sessions are held before the monthly Division School Council meeting at 6:00PM. Next meeting Nov. 8th, 6:30PM.
- If you have suggestions or comments on the Thanksgiving week off please share with Darryl or Jamie.

9. Other

10. Motion to close meeting: Arlene Anderson, Anette Siemens,

11. Next meeting dates – Nov. 15, Dec – no meeting, Jan. 17, February (Division Town Hall tentative), March 21, April 25, May 16