

November 13th, 2017

School Council- Gilbert Paterson Middle School - MINUTES

1. Intro- Becky (chair), Joyce, Julie, Tammy, Nancy, Catherine, Lyndsey, Darryl
2. Agenda - Joyce, move to approve agenda, Nancy seconds
3. Approval of minutes- move Joyce, second Tammy
4. Financial Statement- Nancy no change to statement 989.29 waiting for funds from the district.

5. Administration reports-
Darryl-

A) professional learning- Collaborative Communities- good opportunity to discuss and compare re: Literacy, Numeracy reports, ELL, PAT strategies, great to compare different strategies, levelled literacy interventions, math supports, good chance to share professionally, building the community of all middle schools.

B) PAT results- attached, administration has had a chance to review results with parents, executive council, areas that jump out part A of math for English and French, 15 questions, 15 minutes, bubble sheets, reinforcing that there are no time restraints, practicing bubble sheets, decimals, looking at building communication with grade 5, have math teachers sit down and brainstorm big ideas for preparation to address the gaps/needs of the students. We do an item analysis to drill down the data to really determine what are the biggest challenge. Joyce indicated that she spoke with Math Ed at Alberta Ed she indicated that it is her understanding that even if the answer is written in the wrong area, it is marked correct. Nancy indicated that her daughter reported that she didn't do a practice PAT. Middle/ high school math group collaborating on math facts and math vocabulary. Catherine and Morag to explore how we are addressing at younger levels and transitions.

C) Basketball is starting with grade 6 this Friday and Monday 7's and 8's

D) Fine Arts choir and band students- Cinderella play mid- February date, Christmas Carol- some students going to theatre Calgary, winter concerts (band and choir)

Lyndsey

A) School based learning days- Nov 24-25 p.m. - 23rd p.m. Career and tech work implementation practices what schools have been doing, literacy with a specific focus on vocabulary, EA sessions - self reg., and technology, Friday morning- Blanket Exercise morning piece for PD, looking at mobile classroom initiative, looking at non fiction lower level reading level, teachers will be able to sign out a "travelling tote"

Catherine

A) FNMI Art Project and John Chief Calf partnership- art project that is a collaborative project, John is starting in two weeks and will be doing intensive work with 2 teachers to really build the capacity of a handful of teachers

B) French Immersion- 500+ books - overdrive, all sorts of books, go on school website go on overdrive. Ipad cart on library would give kids access, Lethbridge Public Library also is working in partnership with

C) counselling Team Information- team coming into classroom, Rock your Mocs

6. Becky- thanks to Becky for the book fundraising, made 26,039.70\$ GP Parent Council gets 50% we can count on. Fundraising was going to go into BBall hoops 10,000\$. Plaques with names discussion (picnic tables and benches).

7. Staff appreciation lunch- start up in a.m. And take down after lunch. Will take place tomorrow Nov. 14th.

8. Policy feedback- parent workshop will be half hour- opioids what is our community response, Blanket exercise for parents Dec. 4 must sign up to contact LeeAnne Tedder if you are interested because numbers need to be determined prior to the event. Classroom Improvement Fund 1.2 million \$ technology, FNMI

9. Policy feedback- District Policy advisory committee - if there is any feedback please contact Alison or LeeAnne re: Student Fees, Attendance

Yearbooks- query