



**GPMS School Council Minutes**  
**Monday, Oct. 15, 2018**  
**7:00pm, Foods Room**

**1. Welcome and Introductions – Becky Ash**

Attendees:

Darryl Christiansen, Lindsey Hagen, Catherine Thorsen, Scott Warris, Penny Warris, Lilli Banks, Julie Swanson, Annette Siemens, Heather Paul, Tammy Loose, Krystal Winter, Becky Ash, Nancy Bly, Robin Mackenzie, Cayley King, Louise Lacanilao, Joy Morris

Guests: Christine Oviatt, Daneel Harkiss, Robin Mackenzie, Cayley King

**2. Approval of the Agenda:** as amended– Annette / Joy

**3. Approval of September 17,2018 Minutes :** with attendees amended - Penny/ Annette

**4. 2018-19 Executive**

CHAIR – Becky Ash

VICE-CHAIR – Penny Warris

TREASURER – Arlene Anderson

SECRETARY – Vicki Hazelwood

DSC REP – Joy Morris, Heather Paul

**5. Financial Statement – Arlene (Nancy)**

- no change since last month

**6. ADMINISTRATION Reports**

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

a. Welcome and start up overview

b. Positive Spaces / Gay Straight Alliance ( GSA) at Paterson

- new club at Paterson- Safe Spaces and supporting LGBTQ students in our community

- facilitated by

- Christine Oviatt (Teacher Counsellor @ GPMS) ,
- Daneel Harkis(Making Connections Liaison @ GPMS),
- Robin Mackenzie (Teacher Counsellor @ LCI) and
- Cayley King (Coordinator of Counselling for District)

- discussion of why this is needed at GPMS and that is already operating in most middle schools and all high schools.

- intent to build positive peer connections and healthy relationships,

- open to all grade levels, optional, meeting over lunch, every other week

- all students welcome as "allies"

- start up date October 25.

- any questions/ concerns can be directed to Darryl or Counsellors

Note: Christine, Daneel, Robin and Cayley left meeting after presentation.

- c. Parent Teacher Interviews Oct. 18/19  
Students have early dismissal on Thursday at noon and no classes on Friday.
- d. PAT results June 2018 – release Oct. 18th  
- results will be released on Oct 18th and sent home with students that participated on Monday Oct 22.
- e. Athletics, Fine Arts  
- Cross country meet - won J Zones  
- Volleyball going strong - 80 students participating from GPMS  
- Fall Band Concert for Gr 7 and Gr 8 on Weds Oct 17 at 7:30pm  
- Sherlock - drama rehearsal in full swing/ production crew will be contacted soon

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

- a. Professional Learning – Middle School Day Oct. 9  
-all middle schools met at new Fairbairn Middle School .
- b. Inquiry-based Professional Growth  
-ongoing process- individual and team goals are progressing during collaborative time on Weds afternoons.
- c. Student Leadership Group  
- cross grade / one student per homeroom will meet. Possibly to plan school dance

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

- a. Learning Supports / Shelly Moore presentation  
-inclusion and diversity - core instruction
- b. French Immersion  
- trip to Movie Mill for French films with other FI schools from district
- c. Counselling Team / Services and Universal Supports  
- have received apples as snacks for students - will distribute them during day

- 7. September Fundraising – Admazing Coupon Books - Becky / Darryl**
- still waiting on final numbers.
  - approx \$30,000.00 in books sold. \$10.50 per book goes to school.
  - requires a lot of volunteer help.
  - Thank you to Becky for keeping it all organized.
  - looking at options for cards with higher return to school for next year.
  - question regarding student incentives and how documents that can be handled more effectively so kids are entered into draws in future.

- 8. Book Fair thank you and update – Nancy on behalf of Sara Kundrik**
- Sara Kundrik - Learning Commons Facilitator- thank you to Nancy and volunteers for set up and running it.
  - Book Fair is operating during Parent Teacher Interviews .

**9. Staff Appreciation Lunch - Nancy**

- Nancy will contact parents to bring in potluck items for Staff lunch on Nov 27th.
- normally done three times in school year.

**10. Tiger Society Info - Becky**

- November 17 - AGM for Society will follow School Council Meeting
- To be a member of Tiger Society you need to pay one dollar at meeting.
- Facebook: Gilbert Paterson Tiger Society
- Twitter account: @Gibert Paterson

**11. District School Council Report – Joy/Heather**

- Committees were established.
- Trustee report- \$250,000. grant for pilot project -Urban Indigenous Youth - for funding outside reserve.
- GPMS website- click on Parents/ School Council/ will bring up info page to subscribe for updates.

**12. Other:**

- Question regarding rules around using the Learning Commons at lunch time.
- Administration will confirm procedures with Sara and even post rules so everyone is aware. Gaming on phones not allowed in Library - meant for reading, homework or playing board games.

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

- Oct. 15-18 – Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 17 – Fall Band Concert 7PM - Gym
- Oct. 17 – Hot Lunch
- Oct. 18/19 – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct. 26 – Picture Retakes
- Oct. 31 – Halloween – Dress up day
- Nov. 2 – Spirit Day and Pep Rally (period 4)
- Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day assembly 10:30 AM, Large Gym (Friday)
- Nov. 12 – No School – Remembrance Day statutory holiday
- Nov. 13 – District Collaborative Communities for Staff Development (Tues - no school for students)
- Nov. 19 – Parent Council Meeting 7PM