

# **GPMS School Council**

## **Monday, October 16, 2017**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

**Attendees:** Darryl Christiansen, Duane Pike, Joy Morris, Allison Pike, Dan Johnson, Tammy Loose, Nancy Andizo, Julie Swanson, Kim Estabrocks, Heather Pearson, Carol Heggie, Becky Ash, Vicki Hazelwood, Catherine Thorsen, Lindsey Hagen,

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Allison Pike, Carol Higgey
3. **Approval of September Minutes** – Joy Morris, Duane Pike
4. **Financial Statement** - Bank account is same as noted in September minutes (\$989)
5. **ADMINISTRATION Reports**

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

- a) Parent Teacher Interviews Oct. 19, 20, sign up on line. Time Thursday PM and Friday AM.
- b) Growing community partnerships –
  - a. Good Sheppard Church – helping to pay for lunches for some students, some students are going over twice a week to make connections with some of the seniors, students help make lunches, learning healthy food choices, and also bring back lunches for other students.
  - b. Sunrise Seniors - Wednesdays Grade 8 Leadership class walks over to Sunrise Seniors. Students joined in the senior’s Chair Exercise class. Some students may be going on Halloween to visit the Seniors.
  - c. Hurricanes – Helping with student reading programs.
  - d. Waterton Canyon Camp – Grade 7/8 Band concert this Tuesday, Oct. 17 is going to donate silver collection to Waterton Canyon Camp.
- c) Teacher Growth Goals - All teacher goals are being tied back to three areas: Engagement, Relationships, Differentiation
- d) PAT results June 2017 – release date will be Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Grade 7 students will receive their PAT results before the end of October. Teachers do data analysis on the PAT results, get together with feeder schools to talk about things and assess areas that need to be worked on.
- e) Athletics – Five of six of our teams won the LSSF champions. We were very impressed by our student’s sportsmanship, focus and support of other participants.  
Some of our students went on to Medicine Hat for the South Zones and did well there.  
Tiger Classic Volleyball – Half way into the season.  
Dance Club on Fridays – 12 – 15 kids so far. More students are welcome at noon on Fridays.

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

- a) Professional Learning – Middle School Day, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, teachers found the day very helpful and built great connections with Wilson Middle School teachers.

- We have a group of teachers wanting to form a Literacy Committee. We are meeting tomorrow to develop a literacy action plan that we will share with you next month.
  - CTF Committee met after school recently to determine what the PD day will focus on in November. The focus will be on student vocabulary as well as careers and options curriculum. We will look at some of the options that we offer and explore the career options curriculum.
- b) Student Leadership
- a. Advisory Council: One student per home room. Students are being asked what are the things they love about GP. (teachers, clean school, options) Students were asked to share questions about things that are done at the school. The third questions students were asked was around what they would like to see changed.  
Our District reps are different then our Leadership reps.
  - b. The Grade 8 Leadership classes supported the Food Bank drive. They raised 1,500 lbs of food or \$3,950 of food that the Food Bank really needed.
  - c. Eva Olsson presentation: Eva is a World War II concentration camp survivor. Grade 7 Leadership will introduce her and thank her.
  - d. Remembrance Day Assembly: Grade 6 leadership will be hosting the assembly.
  - e. Grade level activities – We are encouraging teachers to do team building with their grade level (English and French). Ie. Trips to Indian Battle Head Park, Grade 8s are planning a swimming trip and Christmas breakfast.

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

- a. Learning Supports – Working hard to help support students that need it. Intensive Literacy course for kids that need extra support in this area. We are working on figuring out what are some good technological accommodations for kids.
- b. French Immersion team is getting together monthly, looking at PAT results, what are projects that they are going to anchor themselves on, hosting their own carnival, French bulletin boards, we purchased a large number of Over Drive accounts so the kids can have access to French books.
- c. Counselling Team is working with grade 6 classes and doing boys and girls club for kids interested in participating. They are getting involved in the classrooms.

**Parent Activity – Middle School Core Values**

- 1. Creativity**
- 2. Compassion/Belonging**
3. Collaboration
4. Integrity/responsible
- 5. Excellence**
6. Advocacy
- 7. Resiliency**
- 8. Engaged**

## **9. Leadership**

### 10. Spirit

#### **Activity – How do/can we teach, model, facilitate, and develop these values in our students?**

Engagement – what an engaged student looks like, need to engage students in things that are appropriate to their level and interests and what this looks like.

Resiliency – Safe place to make mistakes but keep trying, need for structure and routine,

Excellence – Starts with recognition of awards, sports, academics, arts. Staff modelling.

Fostering opportunities for them to take action and leadership, being engaged in community,

#### **6. October Fundraising – Amazing Coupon Books (Oct. 6 – 19)**

- We are looking for volunteers next week Monday afternoon, Tuesday, Wed, and Thursday morning to count money and organize orders.
- Daily and wrap up prizes.

#### **7. Book Fair thank you and update**

- a. Book Fair starts this Tuesday, Oct. 17. Thank you Nancy for setting up parent volunteers for the week. The Book Fair is a good opportunity for our Library to get new resources.

#### **8. Staff Appreciation Lunch**

- November 14 will be Staff Appreciation lunch. Watch for sign up email.

#### **9. Tiger Society Information**

- a. AGM will be happening after November School Council, looking for parent volunteers at 11AM on LOTG days.

#### **10. District School Council Report**

- We had a short meeting due to the snow. There were also two other meetings that evening so not a lot of decisions were made. Elections were postponed until next meeting. We had a candidate forum. About 80 people attended and over 500 watched the video on Facebook.
- We went over Parent Sessions that we are having. The December meeting will be a Blanket Exercise. (first Monday in December – RSVP required)

See website for Calendar of Events coming up over the next month.

**Adjourned: 8:04PM**

**Next meeting: November 13**