

# GPMS School Council

## Monday, March 12, 2017

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Allison Pike, Carole Heggie
3. **Approval of January Minutes** – Carole Heggie, Allison Pike
4. **Financial Statement** - Bank account is \$1,239.54

### 5. ADMINISTRATION Reports

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

- a) Learning Commons Update – Completed more painting of the walls, bulletin boards are up, collaborative work stations with TV, keyboard and mouse are completed, wall cleared for projector screen viewing. Will create a “maker space” (Lego, electronics, take apart). Working on figuring out ideas and ways to get everyone to use the new space.
  - b) Classes/Options/Staffing 2018-19 – Projected enrolment 2017/2018 was 719 students, actual was 709 students. Projected enrolment for 2018-19 is 732. March 12<sup>th</sup> will be District internal postings for round one of teacher staffing.  
Known revenues (pre-budget):
    - No CIF funding for 0.2 FTE and student support services (FSLC)
    - No commitment to Middle School class size funding pre-budget (1.0 FTE last year)
    - Provincial Budget Announcement expected around March 20
    - District/school budget allocations by mid-April
  - c) Student Placement Forms – The form will be available at the end of March for parents to give feedback for students learning styles, etc.
  - d) Feedback – Cinderella at School, Kids enjoyed watching it, liked having it in the school, gave performers more opportunity to perform, better sound at Gilbert Patterson, kids in the play were thrilled to have their classmates see them. Kids mentioned they missed the change rooms.
    - Could the District purchase equipment to share with all the schools to borrow/rent?
    - Possible grant writing for renting equipment?
    - Sponsorship to help with expenses?
- Tiger Pep Rally – Are making more opportunities to recognize other groups from across the school rather than just the sport teams.
- e) Athletics – Badminton Club will be on Wednesdays or Friday.

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

- a) Feeder School visits and Gr. 6-8 registration
- b) Engagement – Virtual Reality demos done with grade 8 classes, Brain awareness week – Robbin Gibb did presentation on the brain in health classes, Pi Day – Celebrating the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> months. It will be a fiesta of math celebrations, Gr. 7 Team Activity – The Grade 7 Cohort met together in February. The structure encouraged mixing and mingling of the students and staff. There will be one more activity before the end of the school year.
- c) French Immersion – Looking to partner with La City du Prairie. 6-8:30PM on Friday, free French film with snacks.  
All of the Grade 6 students will be taking the Delf exam which is an international French exam. Grade 8 students will take it in the fall.  
Tokens have been ordered as incentives for French students to encourage French speaking in class.

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

- a) Report cards will go live on March 26, 2018.
- b) Student Leadership, Dance – Students organized pink shirt day. Grade 8 classes had an opportunity to write to students in Florida. there is a Neon 80s dance on Thursday, March 15.
- c) Professional Learning – March 16  
Friday is a Professional Learning day for staff.  
Three teachers are going to the Alberta Middle School conference in Banff this spring.

**Parent Feedback:** What beliefs, values and priorities about your children and learning do you want to share with us as we create our Paterson vision?

#### **6. Hot Lunch – Becky**

Subway, Little Cesar and Boston Pizza were lunches this year. Open to opinions for next year – will stick to three companies for next year.

**7. Staff Appreciation:** will be held on Tues, March 27, 2018. Help is needed that day for set up at 9:30 and take down at 12:30 - please contact Nancy Bly. Email will be sent out on Monday, March 19th for food sign up.

**8. District School Council Report:** Nothing significant to report

#### **9. ASCA Resolutions and Conference: Discussed each issue**

ASCA resolutions: We reviewed the proposed resolutions that will be considered at the ASCA meeting in April. We discussed each at some length, and came to the following consensus on how our representative should represent us:

- the following positions relate to the current form of the resolutions. Should the resolutions be amended, our representative should do her best to base her actions using her best judgment from the discussions we had.

- Resolution 1: Provincial Standard for Annual Criminal Record Checks. We do not support this in its current form, at least for volunteers. Some questions are: why annual? Who pays? What do you do with that information - related policy would be required.
- Resolution 2: Cumulative CEU cap per high school student. We support this.
- Resolution 3: Supports for Learning Success of all students. We support this.
- Resolution 4: PRISM ATA Toolkit and Provincial Curriculum Development. We need to look at the toolkit before we can be sure whether we would support its inclusion into curriculum. We will do this individually and discuss this again at our next meeting. The toolkit is available at [https://www.teachers.ab.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/ATA/For-Members/Professional%20Development/Diversity,%20Equity%20and%20Human%20Rights/PD-80-15cPrismToolkitBooklet\\_Web.pdf](https://www.teachers.ab.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/ATA/For-Members/Professional%20Development/Diversity,%20Equity%20and%20Human%20Rights/PD-80-15cPrismToolkitBooklet_Web.pdf)
- Resolution 5: Monitoring of School Established Clubs. We are unsure of our position on the first clause. We at least have questions, particularly around the frequency of communication (is this an ongoing need, or simply a discussion that needs to happen prior to establishment?) and the distinction between consulting school council and keeping school council informed. We are generally supportive of the second clause, but feel it should apply to all clubs, not just "these" clubs.
- Resolution 6: Ensuring healthy food at schools for our children and youth. We would support something along these lines to apply to school-run food programs (eg. cafeteria food) but not to all food in schools (eg. packed lunches, occasional hot lunch programs, etc.). We would like to see something more like the "choose most often"... "choose occasionally" guidelines that have been produced, that are a bit less rigid.

**10. Spring ASCA Conference:** Joy Morris is willing to attend the ASCA Conference in April to represent Gilbert Paterson with these resolutions.

Julie Swanson motioned that Joy Morris attend the ASCA Conference in April to represent Gilbert Paterson with these resolutions. Carol Heggie seconded.

Julie Swanson motioned that Joy Morris be assigned the \$250 from Gilbert Paterson for the ASCA Conference in April to represent Gilbert Paterson. Carol Heggie seconded.

**Adjourned: 9:00PM**

**Next meeting: April 16, 7:00PM**