

# GPMS School Council

## Monday, September 17, 2018

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### Attendees:

Darryl Christiansen, Cara Thomas, Jackie May, Lori Harasem, Scott Warris, Penny Warris, Lilli Banks, Julie Swanson, Annette Siemens, Lindsey Still, Christine Light, Heather Paul, Tammy Loose, Arlene Anderson, Crystal Neufeld, Vicki Hazelwood, Shawna Martinez, Lisa Weiss, Caralyn Boh, Becky Ash, Nancy Bly,

### 2. Approval of Agenda – Jackie May

### 3. Approval of May Minutes – Tammy

### 4. Financial Statement – Nancy Bly

School Council - \$

Tiger Society - \$10,788.57

Approved Financial statements as presented: Scott Warris, seconded by Julie Swanson

### 5. Review of Parent Council Structure/Past year activities – Becky

- Tiger Society meeting is after GPMS School Council
- Order of meetings
- Encourage attendance at Council meeting to learn what is going on

### 6. Election/Appointment of new officers for GPMS School Council – chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, DSC rep

CHAIR – (Past Becky Ash) New: Becky Ash – seconded by Jackie, All in favour

VICE-CHAIR – (Past Carole) New: Penny Warris – seconded by Shawna, All in favour

TREASURER – (Past Nancy Bly) New: Arlene Anderson – seconded Lisa, All in favour

SECRETARY – (Past Vicki Hazelwood) New: Vicki Hazelwood – seconded Lisa, All in favour

DSC REP – (Past Joy Morris) New: Joy Morris, Heather Paul – seconded Juli, All in favour

**Nancy Bly made a motion that signing authority is transferred from Becky, Carole, Nancy and Vicki to Becky, Penny, Arlene, Vicki and Heather at ATB and TD. (Seconded Jackie May)**

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## **7. ADMINISTRATION Reports**

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

### **a) Enrolment/staffing**

710 students currently, budgeted for 716

- Class sizes at grade 6 are about 31
- Class sizes for grade 6 FI are about 22
- Class sizes for grade 7 are 32
- Class sizes for grade 7 FI are about 34
- Class sizes for grade 8 are about 28
- Class sizes for grade 8 FI are 28
- Class size for K&E are 15

### **b) Communication – website/Paterson Press/ Synervoice**

- Paterson Press will be sent out every second Friday
- Reviewing website due to staffing changes, looking for ways to link our teacher pages, if you have any ideas please let us know.
  - o Suggestion made to have “ARTS” at the top of website home page beside “ATHLETICS”
  - o Suggestion made for description of the options
  - o Bylaws need to be updated on website
- Synervoice messages will be sent home for important notices
- If you are having any troubles getting on Power School or School Cash on Line please contact the school office.

### **c) Parent Evening feedback**

- Request by parents to have different nights for “Meet the teacher nights” with feeder schools.
- Feedback on format of this year “meet the teacher night” welcomed.
- Request: Communication to parents regarding teachers starting at 7pm with a presentation or all teachers following the same informal or formal structure.
- Suggestion: Grade 8 parent meeting to talk about end of the year trips etc. Request to understand what graduation and farewell will look like.
  - o Usually the Farewell and other trips are at separate meetings closer to the dates.

### **d) PAT results June 2018 – release mid October**

- Have looked at the PATs and we are pleased with last years results and improvement especially in area of numeracy.
- Results will be sent to students in October

**e) Middle School Report Card pilot**

- Looking at effective ways to use Power School to update parents more regularly and provide feedback throughout the reporting period.
- A handful of classes are trying this new reporting structure and feedback will be given at the end of the year.

**f) What is our WHY? School Priorities**

- Why is it we do what we do here at Gilbert Paterson? We have been working on answering this question with staff and student discussions.

**g) Athletics, Fine Arts and Clubs**

- Volleyball rep and development teams have been made
- Next Wednesday Cross Country team will be posted
- Band Clinics underway
- Lots of interest in Sherlock Homes Drama
- New Rock Band Club and Chess Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club

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

**a) Professional Learning –**

- **Working on a new process-based approach for staff learning, Inquiry-based staff learning.**  
I.e. Traditionally a math teacher may have created manipulatives for math centres as part of their growth plan. In the new approach a teacher might ask in what ways can I reevaluate my evaluation to enhance my assessment. What do I do in the class with students that excel at math and students that struggle? What type of enrichment could be provided for students that are finished math quickly?
- Teachers have an individual question and then once a month all staff work on collaborative questions. Example: How do we best fit creative writing in LA class?
- Literacy: We have staff looking at how we could do Book Clubs in classes
- Professional Learning day on October 9<sup>th</sup>

**b) Student Leadership, new clubs**

- How do we move the role of the student's leadership forward?
- We consulted with students last year and hope to use what we learned to give the students more hands-on leadership. First task will be Feed the Bug.
- We have maintained our partnership with Sunrise Village through the Knowledge and Employability Class.

**c) Start up information – bussing, PowerSchool**

- Bussing is same process. We have a new transportation coordinator.
- People who are in the 2.2 kms are given a pass.
- Practice bus evacuation will happen on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

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

- a) **Inclusion and GPMS** – Shelly Moore presentation
  - We all have something to contribute
  - Strength based approach
  - How do we create welcoming, positive, safe environments?
  - Schools are inclusive environments?
- b) **Learning Supports**
- c) **French Immersion/Voyage Quebec**
  - May 30 – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - FI team is looking at how can we promote the French language in our English environment.
- d) **Counselling Team/Services and Universal Supports**
  - Christine Oviatt
- e) **Grade 6/7 Awards Sept. 26/Student recognition moving forward**
  - Synervice message will be sent out regarding assembly
  - Staff are continuing to explore best way to recognize students
  - One District/One Book looking for sponsorship

### **Administration – Feedback or Questions?**

- Really appreciated the August 28<sup>th</sup> welcome/visit for grade 6 students
- Has anything happened with GSA? We have had some students interested and are exploring how this might role out later in the fall. This will be discussed at a future Parent Council meeting.

### **8. Fall Fundraising – Admazing Coupon Books (Sept. 7-21) Becky/Darryl**

- Prizes for each grade level for most sales
- We keep \$10.50 from each book
- Money is used for field trip and special grade level activities. Also, to build up our classroom libraries.
- If you are available to help count money and books, please contact Becky Ash
- Checks are to be made out to Gilbert Paterson
- If you prefer just to donate money you can do so.

### **9. Hot Lunch – Becky**

- Every third Wednesday of each month
- This next one is Booster Juice and Boston Pizza
- Parent volunteers needed (one-hour commitment, 11 - 12)
- If someone is interested in heading up hot lunch please contact Becky Ash

### **10. Tiger Society Info – Becky/Darryl**

- Meeting once every three months
- To be a member of Tiger Society you need to pay one dollar.
- Facebook: Tiger Society Gilbert Paterson
- School has a Twitter account

- 21 days notice is being given in advance for the October 15<sup>th</sup> Tiger Society meeting. At this Oct. 15 meeting the annual report and finances will be presented, and membership dues collected.

**11. District School Council Report – Joy Morris**

**12. Other**

**13. Next Meeting – Oct. 15th, 7PM**

**14. Meeting Adjourned: 8:25PM**