**GPMS School Council**

**Monday, January 20, 2020**

**7:00pm, Foods Room**

**2019-20 Executive**

CHAIR – Annae Jones

VICE-CHAIR – Becky Ash

TREASURER – Arlene Anderson

SECRETARY – Vicki Hazelwood

DSC REP – Heather Paul

1. **Welcome and Introductions –** Annae – Motion to start meeting Louise

Darryl Christiansen, Cheryl Gilmore, Catherine Thorson, Anette Siemens Louise Lacanilao, Annae Jones, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Becky Ash, Tammy Loose

1. **Approval of the Agenda – approved Annette**
2. **Approval of November Minutes – approved Annette**
3. **Financial Statement –** Arlene

* No changes in the finances, currently 989.34

1. **ADMINISTRATION Reports**

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

1. Acting Vice Principal – Mr. Brunner will begin his role as Acting Vice Principal while Lindsey Hagen is off on maternity leave.
2. Town Hall – Feb 11th – 6:30 – 9:00PM at Victoria Park – If anyone is interested in attending please let Darryl know asap.
3. 2019-20 Annual Plans:

* Achievement: literacy, numeracy, social/emotional skills
* Innovation: Critical thinking, creativity and innovation
* Inclusion: Welcoming, caring, respective and safe learning environments.
* Student and Family Engagement in our School Community

1. 2020-21 staffing and budget information – Administrators met with District and started to look at what the priorities are. District is looking to get perspective from all staff, students and parents. We do not have information available yet on budget numbers for next year. Some difficult decisions will have to be made. Lethbridge School Division was reduced by $3.5 million dollars mid year.
2. Athletics / Fine Arts – Alice in Wonderland, Feb. 10-13th at Gilbert Patterson, tickets are on sale on School Cash online, daytime performances will be attended by a number of other schools.

* Grade 6 and 7/8 basketball continues. Badminton will start after Family Week.

1. Bussing questions

* Update from Cheryl Gilmore: City Council has made it clear that they will not change their mind with respect to partnership with bussing. School Board has asked for consideration for extension of the timeline to the end of next school year. We will be doing a feasibility study to see what the best solution for families is.
* While City Council is making comparisons with other communities in AB, that have Districts operating break-even bussing services these communities are only offering school bussing for elementary students, not middle or high school students.
* Gilbert Paterson has 360 riders on 8 busses.

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

1. Interviews – January 30/31

* Interview sign ups are open online. French Immersion families have received a letter outlining a new system for interviews. Changes after the 28th will be made directly with student’s teacher.
* There will be an open house for French Immersion families on the evening of January 30th.

1. Student Leadership Group

* Rubber Ducky day last week.
* Homeroom Reps are organizing a Beach Day dance for Friday.
* Theme days this week (hat day, throw back Wednesday, etc)

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

1. Student Supports

* Students are celebrating heros in their lives and writing letters to their heros.

1. Pizza Lunch format

* Pizza lunches are going well. Kids are enjoying the pizza days.
* Questions: Do kids needing lunch receive subsidy for pizza?
* Answer: A church is supplying lunches for children that need everyday.

**Administration – Feedback or Questions?**

1. **Activity –** Accountability Pillar Feedback

**Parents:**

Your child finds work challenging?

Your child finds work interesting?

Why are these results trending this way?

* Class size, diversity of learning level in class, teacher capacity, teacher transitions/change, increase in population, technology/screens,

What do we already do that challenges and engages kids?

* Choices in learning, choices in project topics, hands on learning, personalized learning, follow through on providing advanced work to students needing challenge.

What are possible areas to explore or consider continuing to challenge and interest students?

* Working at own pace, success at each student’s level, project-based learning,

1. **District School Council Report –** Heather

* Cheryl game most of the updates
* Consultation on the budget is happening. There is a survey link for parents to provide input on what is most important to them.

Adjourned: 8:08PM

**Tiger Society Meeting**

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1. Welcome - Annae
2. Approval of agenda: Annette
3. New members: $1 fee
4. Treasurer’s Report: $10, 787.05 in the account
5. Questions: New Business:
   1. Table/benches plaques (Becky)

-Stainless steal plaques that will be placed on benches and picnic tables.

-$50-100 per plaque. Needing: 4 benches and 3 tables

MOTION: Spend up to $600 on plaques.

MOTION PASSED. All in favor

b. – Casino paperwork – next meeting

c. Tiger Society volunteer audit – We can get an accountant to go over the paper work. Arlene has reviewed the books. We need two volunteers to go over statements. Annette volunteered.

**6. Adjournment**

**7. Next Meeting March 16, 2020**

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

**JAN/FEB - CALENDAR**

* 20-24 – Scientists in Schools – Grade 6
* 21 – Bob Kittel Presentation
* 21 – Shelly Moore presentation at Wilson 6:30
* 24 – Beach Day and Dance
* 29 – Pizza Sales at Lunch
* 29 – Bell “Let’s Talk” Mental Health Day
* 30/31 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-8:00 PM Thur, 8AM-12:00 Fri
* **February**
* 6 - Spirit Day – Pep Rally block 7
* 6 – Small gym closed for production (starting afterschool)
* 4/6 – Rep Basketball playoffs
* 10-13 – Alice in Wonderland
* 11 – Rep Basketball Finals at RI Baker
* 11 – District Town Hall
* 17-21 – Family Week
* 26 – Pink Shirt Day