



GPMS School Council
Monday, March 21, 2022 - 6:30PM – Foods Room and Zoom Invite
see email for link

2021-22 GPMS School Council Executive

Chair: Carrie Boschman

Vice-Chair: Jennifer Gordon

Treasurer: Arlene Anderson (trainee Jen Gordon)

Secretary: Vicki Hazelwood (trainee Jenn Prosser)

DSC Rep: Jamie Walburger, alternate Carrie Boschman

Attendees: Annette Siemens, Arlene Anderson, Jennifer Gordon, Christine Light, Matt Brunner, Darryl Christiansen, Catherine Thorsen, Vicki Hazelwood, Allison Purcel, Brook Oviatt, Jenn Prosser

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Carrie
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – approved, Jennifer Gordon
3. **Approval of January 2022 minutes** – approved, Carrie Boschman
4. **Financial Statement** – total account balance is \$1174.77, talked to Lucie about the ASCA Conference fees,

5. ADMINISTRATION Reports

Darryl Christiansen (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)

- a. Update – School activities, procedures, illness protocols
 - Now that the weather is nice students will be getting outside to eat
 - Keeping doors locked and using doorbell for visitors
 - Using all doors for entrance and exit to decrease congestions
 - Illness protocols: Still using AHS screening, 5 days quarantine with symptoms,
 - Some students and staff continue to wear masks, personal choices are respected,
- b. Registration process – begins March 25th
 - Emailed to incoming grade 5 families (Feeder schools: Plaxton, Fleetwood, Lakeview, Davidson)
 - Registration will go out March 25
 - May 2 – 13 window for registration of classes on Power School
- c. Spring Staffing timelines
 - Registration numbers are up a bit. Three classes per grade level.
 - Once registrations are all in, we'll have a better idea of what our staffing needs will be.

- d. 2022-23 Bell times and bussing
 - Starting next year:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00AM – 2:50PM
 - Wed. 8AM – 2PM
 - Friday 8AM – 11: 40AM

- e. Fine Arts update
 - Choir concert happened last week. Grade 9 choir joined
 - Lethbridge Music Festival starts beginning of April. Band will take place in gym so parents can come watch
 - Band Banff trip will happen May 3-5
 - After school Rock Band is happening
 - Marry Poppins will be filmed and put into a production piece that will be available, they may do some live plays later in May

Matt Brunner (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)

- a. Tell Them From Me Survey – every student at the school completes the survey (85%) Results look very similar to previous years, we'll be looking through them in detail during the upcoming week, Assurance Survey (gr 7) goes to AB Government

- b. Term 2 grades and comments, Term 3 information – All term 2 grades and comments have been saved. Teachers are asked to add at least three comments per term along with marks. Letters will be sent home for Honour Roll (85%+)

- c. Athletics update – Good basketball season, started badminton, all the teams have been picked. A pre-tournament is going to happen this week at Wilson. Club Badminton is happening after school.

- d. Student recognition – Making it a priority to recognize students of a month (Gr 7, 8). They will be recognized, receive a certificate and a DQ coupon. Grade 6s will receive “Super Star” awards.

Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator)

- a. PL Day – March 18 – Gender Expression session with speaker from Calgary, staff also had time to look into other learning topics.

- b. French Immersion – DELF exams – Wednesday, April 6th (written and oral)

- c. Clubs and activities update
Monday GSA club, Tuesday Indigenous Club, Wednesday – Makers Space Club,

- d. Grade 5 transition and communication – covered above

Administration – Feedback, Questions, Ideas?

- Could we have an open house for Gr. 6 families as many parents have never been in the school.
- Would it work to make a list of all the clubs and a description of what they are about for parents to encourage their children to get involved?
- When you click on the calendar on the school website there isn't anything populated on it. Would it be possible to have things moved onto the calendar from the Paterson Press?
- Grade 8 graduation will include an in-person parent ceremony. We'll put a call out to parents late April for a committee to be created to decorate and plan.

6. Christine Light

- February 16 meeting, we had a presentation on hiring
- Reviewed Administration Appointment policy
- Approved the communications plan which can be found on the Division site, feedback is welcome.
- Communications Engagement Committee is working to connect the Division to parents and community stakeholders. Meeting dates are on Division website. All are welcome to attend.
- Community Conversation #2 happened last Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club. Good opportunity for discussion and conversation. These are being held in different locations each month around the city.
- Thank you to everyone who attended Town Hall on Feb. 1st. We had our annual Board Retreat and reviewed all the Town Hall feedback.
- Next Board meeting March 22, 2:30PM,

7. District School Council Report – Christine Light, Allison Purcel

- \$250 given per year that was given to School Council for ASCA. This can be used now by School Council's for anything they would like. If the money isn't used it can be carried forward. The provincial grant of \$500 can not be carried forward or used for food.
- Brainstorming ideas of how to use the \$250 – possibly to bring in a guest speaker or partner with another school to bring in a speaker

8. School Division Town Hall – comments or feedback

- A good turn out of students from Middle School to High School
- Discussion on learnings throughout the pandemic
- 200+ people attended (parents, community members, students, staff)

9. ASCA Business – ASCA Conference April 22-24, ASCA Engagement Grant (\$500), ASCA Resolutions

- Virtual event this year
- Registration needs to be in in the next few weeks
- If you'd like to attend please let Darryl know

- Registration fees can be paid by School Council
- There are some resolutions that need to be reviewed, we can send proxy votes

ASCA Resolutions available here:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/200959>

- Unsure of access to the information to vote on the resolution
- Annette: Feel that because this is a hot topic, parents need more consultation
- Will put resolutions out through a google survey for all parents to read through the information and then parents will be able to vote on the resolutions.
- Darryl and Carrie will create survey to be sent out.
- Vote to end March 30th.
- Resolutions have to be voted on by April 15th, 2022

P22 -01: Diploma Exam Weighting Change

- Pros of keeping it at 30% is to help prepare students for university level pressure
- Cons: mental health concerns, test anxiety, and socio-economic barriers for test prep.

P22-02: Policy Review for Operations and Maintenance Funding

- Rural schools are particularly hurting for deferred maintenance
- GP had a recent renovation

P22-03: Restoration of Funding for Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- Part of the defunding of ASCA is that school councils get less funding for workshops from ASCA

A22-01 Motion to REVISE: 12-2 High Risk Bus Stop Awareness and Signage

10. Other

11. Next meeting dates – April 25, May 16

Tiger Society Meeting to follow for those interested



Gilbert Paterson Tiger Society Meeting

March 21, 2022

1. **Welcome:** Carrie
2. **Approval/Additions to the agenda**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Arlene Anderson
4. **Questions/New Business:**
 - a. Fundraiser thoughts / ideas – fall
 - b. Teacher appreciation ideas -year end
5. **Adjournment**
6. **Next Meeting:** April 25, 2022