

GPMS School Council Minutes – Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Compiled by Catherine Thorsen – thank you Catherine for filling in

1. 6:30 PM Welcome and introductions: Parents in attendance:

- Jenn Gordon
- Jocelyn Smith
- Shanda Hogan-McKnight
- Carrie Boshman (online)
- Marie Narbonita (online)

Darryl Christiansen, Catherine Thorsen, Matt Brunner

2. Additions to the agenda: field trips
3. Approval of agenda: Jocelyn, Shanda
4. Approval of April minutes: Carrie
5. Financial Statement update: Same as last month

- a. \$250 - Grant money for schools for ASCA conf; \$500 Engagement grant

7. Admin Reports:

a. Darryl:

i. Staffing updates:

1. Matt Brunner going to Lakie VP appointment
2. Pierre Legal acting VP Sept-Oct until Ms. Hagen returns
3. Staffing in place by mid June depending on how the rounds go

ii. Gr. 8 farewell: 12-1pm Ceremony

1. met with parent committee
2. parents helping with set up and food preparation, serving

iii. field trips: starting back up; bigger out of town trips being investigated for next year

b. Matt:

i. Registration: started this week for grade 6-7s

1. Completion targeted for May 31st

ii. Athletics: track day was great

1. City track meet next week UofL May 25<sup>th</sup>
2. Zones Gr 7-8 UofL (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> qualify)

c. Catherine:

i. Student transitions for the fall-

1. Gr 5 feeder school Open House: wed May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm
2. Feeder school visits happening in May and June
3. lots of conversations to be had between feeder schools and within GPMS staff in order to create class lists. Teachers, counsellors and admin work together to create lists. To note, we are still welcoming 1-2 students every week for this school year, so our class lists fluctuate all year long.

ii.

Assurance Plans: Parking lot activity: Ideas shared

- i. Literacy: strategies for building thinking classroom
  - ii. Communication piece between home and classroom teachers: weekly updates, monthly updates (diverse involvement/consistency from teachers for communication w/home; what are the really big rocks once a month; have a baseline for consistency) PS is only one way for communication. Should this be the baseline? Parents want to partner with teachers; so that home can help out. Look in TEAMS for all these postings. Collaborative time on Wed **Multiple kids: you can only log into PS, one at a time, notifications only come for one kid.**
  - iii. Teams info: continue to post lessons
  - iv. Online videos for parents to help their kids, learning links
  - v. Literacy differentiation: writing songs as a genre; clubs potentially
  - vi. **Used to PS: arrow up, arrow down when updates happening with marks.**
7. Trustee report: no report
  8. Division report: no report
  9. District School council report: Presentation about Minecraft challenge; technology used for rewards rather than education. Bell times 2022-23 will stay as is; will revisit for 23-24 year; Engagement fund ideas; the LOOP-lots of great info
  10. Staff appreciation lunch: May 26<sup>th</sup> Reminder email to be sent out to parents
  11. ASCA report: no report
  12. Engagement Grant: \$500 needs to be spent by end of June (Jenn motioned idea)
    - a. Half funds for books
    - b. Half funds for promotional things
  13. 2022-23 School Council: Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022
    - a. Arlene, Vicky: last year this June 6+yrs looking at thank you

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM