



**GPMS School Council
Wednesday January 25, 2023
7:00pm, Learning Commons**



In-Person Parent Engagement Session at 6:30.

Discussion of Barbara Coloroso's book, Kids are Worth it. Chapters 5-8.

TEAMS link live at 7pm:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions: Darryl Christian, Catherine Thorsen, Lindsay Haugen, Cheryl Gilmore, Carrie Boschman, Jennifer Gordon, Evelyn Murakami, Jen Carrie, Kaushal Battel, Jocelyn Smith. ONLINE: Kristina Zemp**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda by Jen Gordon, Seconded by Jocelyn Smith.**
- 3. Approval of the November 21, 2022 minutes. Jen Gordon. Seconded by Carrie Boschman**
- 4. Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon**
 - **\$1425.36 balance. No changes this month.**
- 5. ADMINISTRATION Reports**
 - a. Darryl Christiansen (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)**
 - i. Town Hall participants – Feb. 7 at 6:30pm at Victoria Park High School
 - Still looking for 3 more parents to represent GPMS
 - Also needed students to join in. Contact Darryl if interested
 - ii. June year end schedule for the last 2 weeks of school will be available soon
 - NEW - Students will NOT be released in the afternoon after their exams...
 - Last day of school Tuesday, June 27 (PATs and Grade 7/8 exams right up to that day.... Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday).
 - iii. Athletics/ Fine Arts update
 - Basketball almost complete (club and development finished. Rep finishing this next week)
 - Badminton starts after Family/Reading Week (Teams and club badminton opportunities). Currently doing some game play in gym,
 - FINE ARTS – excellent concerts for choir and band with FULL CROWDS! Great job by all involved
 - TALENT SHOW before Christmas – great variety of talents represented. Fun to see students involved in this way
 - ROCK Band – concert with GSL for a charity event coming up.
 - TREASURE ISLAND PRODUCTION – Feb 13-16: CAST A and B allows for more kids to be involved. Matinees for feeder schools.

Evening programs for family and friends to attend. Tickets available on Schoolcashonline.

iv. Darryl is retiring!!! Has been Administration for 7 years in this school.

Darryl is excited for the new opportunities in his future.

- There will be a meeting with Dr. Cheryl Gilmore and parent council in February or March to gain insight into what parents are looking for with new Administration)

b. Lindsey Hagen (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)

i. Parent / Teacher Interviews – Jan 26/27

- Contact teach directly if wanting to cancel or switch. All interviews are in person! English in the large gym; FRIM in the small gym.

ii. Student Reps, Leadership Update and activities

- POWERSCHOOL discussion with students - Paralleled parent survey from December to poll the kids. Kids mostly using the APP and checking in on their grades. Staff are continuing to teach kids how to log in on the web on a computer, how to get the app, and uses beyond just checking grades (seeing feedback and assessments to help them as learners).

- By logging in at school, teachers can see how a student sees the information that they have inputted. This has been helping teachers understand how to use the program even better.

- Home room reps are meeting with Lindsay periodically.

- One grade 7 came with a list from their class of things they needed and were able to have a place to share these needs/desires. It is exciting to see students advocate for themselves and express these needs.

- Invited to participate in the District Town Hall as student representatives (any student is welcome to sign up to attend)

- Grade 7s – Kindness week – promoting a series of challenges to encourage thinking about how we relate and respond to one another.
- Intramurals – basketball at lunch time. Allows approximately 50 students to play at their grade level with other watching in the bleachers.
- Valentines – “Find your Match” card game to be played. Grade 8s may do a Candy Gram event.
- February 15 - Pink Shirt Day

iii. Division Values Survey – closes Feb. 2. Follow attached link.

<https://lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/home/news/post/division-board-of-trustees-launches-values-survey>

c. Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator/FRIM administrator)

i. Diversity and Inclusion (grade 8)

Presentations occurring in classes

- Grade 8 Mental Health – Sharon Watson from Ed center
- Grade 7 – All about me
- Grade 6 – Ordinary Heros with Sharon Watson

ii. Assessment and PowerSchool feedback – staff, students, parents

- Great response from parents (almost 80 responses)! Thank you! Admin reviewed this and brought it back to staff as feedback.
- PL days looking at reporting, assessment, logistics of using technology, seeking consistencies, wanting students to take ownership for their learning, desires requested from parents,
- NOTE: PowerSchool is the venue BUT ultimately the goal is to provide feedback to increase learning... admin is feeling that students are growing in their ownership of their learning.

iii. French Immersion / VQ update

- Going to Quebec!!! End of May. Beach Day dance was Friday.
- Friday, March 31 (6:30) - Bacon BINGO Bonanza (fundraiser) – bring CASH to purchase BINGO cards at the door.

6. District School Council Report –

- Town Hall – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at Victoria Park High School (email Darryl if you would like to attend. Needing student reps as well)
- Community Engagement Button – can find PARENT LEARNING
 - o Last Session: How do schools ensure newcomers are welcome (Carmen Cavahlo from the Education Center). Powerpoint presentation to reference is on the division website.
 - o Previous session: Tech apps and how to get support for tec used in the division
 - o Resources available for literacy and numeracy and digital citizenship (SAPDC link)

7. 2023-24 School Division Calendar is approved and available on the division website- <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/406912>. Dr Cheryl Gilmore gave an explanation for how the calendar is put together. Parent reps, along with other stakeholders, were consulted prior to approval.

8. Staff Appreciation Lunch- was on Wednesday, December 7. Will use the additional funds donated for a Catered Staff Appreciation Breakfast – March 17 (PL day).

9. Panago Day – March 14th – Panago NORTH will donate a portion of the entire days sales to parent council. If your business needs lunch for the day or you'd like an easy supper for your family, please consider ordering from PANAGO NORTH in support of Gilbert Paterson Middle School. Delivers can be made in both north and south Lethbridge. Pick up is required for any west side orders.

10. Trustees Report – Tyler Demers (no report)

11. Adjournment at 7:59pm

Tiger Society Meeting to follow for those interested

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Division Town Hall – Feb 7 (no GPMS parent council meeting in February)
March 20
April 24
May 15

GPMS Tiger Society Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Learning Commons – following the School Council Meeting



1. Welcome – Carrie Boschman
2. Approval of the agenda . Approved by Jocelyn Smith. Seconded Evelyn Murakami.
3. Approval of the minutes from November 21, 2022. Jen Gordon. Evelyn Murakami.
4. Treasurer’s report – Jennifer Gordon. \$10792.34. Interest of \$0.03
VQ using the account to transfer of funds. Gaming Licence required. Needs a society to do so.
Money is simply received and then transferred to Voyage Quebec account.
5. Signatories designated (again)

Motion: made by Jocelyn Smith

We would like to add Carrie Boschman, Jennifer Gordon and Evelyn Murakami as authorized contacts, authorized signers and have online administrative permission for the Gilbert Paterson Tiger Society - ATB Community Spirit Account 00446143600. We would like 2 of these 3 people to be required for any transaction.

We will be removing Arlene Anderson, Vicki Hazelwood, and Annae Jones from having any authorization in signing for this account.

Seconded by: Kaushal Batel.

All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

6. Old business

a. Fundraising opportunities

- Panago Days: March 14 (PI day!) – Panago NORTH will donate a portion of the entire days sales to parent council. If your business needs lunch for the day or you’d like an easy supper for your family, please consider ordering from PANAGO NORTH in support of Gilbert Paterson Middle School. Delivers can be made in both north and south Lethbridge. Pick up is required for any west side orders.

Thank you PANAGO NORTH for your generous support of Gilbert Paterson and its parent council!

b. Staff Appreciation – Cater Breakfast –Friday, March 17

- Using Cash donations that were previously donated by parents.
- Jen will connect with Catherine and choose where to order and deal with all receipts.
- Suggested: Sonder for Waffles??? Stella. Cora’s (Kaushal has a connection with Cora’s)

7. Adjournment at 8:12pm