



GPMS School Council
Monday April 24 2023
7:00pm, Learning Commons



TEAMS link at 7pm:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWFjMGY2NmUtNWU2NC00MmFiLTikYzYtYTUwZihhYmNkOTIy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223c0e8b63-e64e-4c8d-a40f-1d213b670472%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221a02de44-c373-49ff-b4c8-2c20a38c4098%22%7d

Attendees:

Morgan Day, new principal
Carrie Boschman
Lindsay Hagen
Jennifer Gordon
Catherine Ball
Caylee Low
Annette
Allison Purcell
Catherine Thorsen
Darryl Christiansen
Kara Marshall
Evelyn Muriyakami

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Carrie
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** Caylee, Jennifer
- 3. Approval of the March 20, 2023 minutes.** Jennifer, Caylee
- 4. Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon**
 - a. No change in bank account 1425.36**
 - b. General Ledger 3398.88**
 - c. Difference in catered event vs. money: 46.70**
 - d. Motion by Carrie Boschman that School Council cover 46.70., Carried, unanimous**
 - e. \$700 from Panago fundraiser—use?**
 - Discussion of using the school GL vs the account at TD

5. ADMINISTRATION Reports

Welcome Morgan Day – New Principal of GPMS - 2023-24-will be spending time this coming month meeting staff and transitioning into her new role

- a. Darryl Christiansen (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)**
 - i. Vice Principal Announcement – April 19 – Ms. Hagen
 1. Lindsay Hagen will be going to Park Meadows as VP. She has spent 6 years at GPS. There will be search for the next vice principal. Position has been posted.
 - ii. Registration and options

1. Processing registrations, putting final touches on options and staffing, option choices will be released next week, visiting feeder schools, open house for Grade 5 May 25, parents will go over options and then the options will be entered at school.
- iii. Staffing / Timetabling for 2023-24
 1. Meeting this week with HR to look at staffing. Bell times will not change, will be the same, work on increasing lunch time, times are constricted by instructional hours, bussing will stay consistent
- iv. Gr. 8 – LCI visit and Farewell planning
 1. LCI coming next week, students will choose their options, LCI is planning some evening tours for parents and kids
 2. Farewell planning will begin, will be an organizational meeting on May 8
- v. June 19-28th year end schedule (exams, Farewell, other activities)
 1. Change in exam schedule, all students will be in school until the end of the day on June 27
 2. Bussing will be the same for the last two weeks of school
 3. Final assembly will be for kids only
 4. Award ceremonies will be for kids and parents
 5. Top academic awards will likely be added for each pattern
- vi. Athletics/ Fine Arts update
 1. Finished badminton, teams did well, 2nd and 3rd place medals for teams, 60 kids for after school badminton
 2. Track starts now, track meet May 10, regular school day for those who don't attend track meet
 3. Choir/band/handbells-superior results and top marks in various categories
 4. Handbell concert-May 13-being hosted at school
 5. Rock show on April 29
- b. Lindsey Hagen (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)**
 - i. Tell Them From Me survey
 1. Grade 4-12 survey, strengths-relationships with teachers, relationships with peers, adults at school and at home that they can talk to, Decreases in identifying a sense of belonging—could be related to how kids see school as they go along, high self report of being anxious as compared to other schools across Canada, written comments noted crowded building, short lunch, like intramurals and options
 - ii. Final Exams
 1. ELA written in class
 2. Speak with teacher if you need to miss an exam
 - iii. Literacy Initiatives
 1. Paterson pets read bulletin-horses, cats, tigers, salamanders, fish—received over 80 responses, handed out Analog gift cards

2. Next project: reading in the wild
 3. May 1 is wishing day, will have a Wish Tree
 4. Language arts: Four Essential Studies, working on chapter about digital composition, look at online compositions
 5. DEAR: looking at how books were chosen
- c. Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator/FRIM administrator)**
- i. School opportunities and celebrations – April
 - ii. Period poverty
 1. Put supplies in washrooms so that students didn't have to go to the office to get supplies
 2. Feedback has been good
 - iii. Digital wellness
 1. Two new staff in the division: looking at digital wellness, sheena is a counsellor and Kasen works with staff and students teaching about resources, conversations about health and digital wellness
 - iv. FRIM - updates (DELFL exams, VQ, Bacon Bingo, etc)
 1. Grade 8 getting ready for proficiency exam
 2. Bacon Bingo-made about \$5000
 - v. Staff Professional Learning
 1. **Digital Wellness**
 2. **May 23 Learning about assessment and what is working**
 - vi. Class lists process
 1. Will be a student learner profile sent home with Paterson Press to allow parents to comment about how students learn
 2. Class lists are made by starting with teachers: academic, social-emotional, peer groups
 3. Parents can give feedback about their preferences if a student is struggling with another student
 4. Students are still joining the school—lots of new families and students

Questions? Feedback?

Discussion of a list of awards available (e.g., top math)—admin will look into this
How much time are students spending on screens?—teachers are shying away from digital literacy, time seems to be limited

6. **Trustees Report – Tyler Demers sends regrets**
 - a. **There is a trustee meeting tomorrow, people can watch it**
 - b. **In the process of hiring a new superintendent, interviewing beginning of may**
7. **District School Council Report – Caylee Low**
 - a. **How to get resources from ASCA—chair can request a login and make a profile, Carrie B. has put together a binder—Carrie will bring to next meeting**
 - b. **Will be an email for the chair of every school council so emails can move from chair to chair**
 - c. **Online parent learning that parents can access—available on division website under minutes for district school council**

- d. Hot lunch options—every school has different options for hot lunch
 - e. Alberta Education grant—consider options—one district has little libraries on school property, can use to attend conference
8. ASCA Report – Carrie
- a. ASCA AGM—council voted on resolutions but were not taken to ASCA
 - b. Allison Purcell attended ASCA: Debbie Pushor, www.debbiepushor.ca (how we engage parents), sessions on Jump Math, Canadian Parents for French
 - c. Using ATA building until June 2024 free of charge
 - d. Mandating vulnerable record checks—through the elections act—candidates need to submit criminal record checks prior to nomination-passed with amendments
 - e. Supporting integrated funding—carried by unanimous consent
 - f. Integrated climate and biodiversity—amendments, defeated
 - g. Rights for the victim—adopted with 82% of the vote,, 2nd motion, 91% in favour
 - h. Consultation—91% in favour
 - i. Counsellor ratio—95% in favour with amendments
 - j. [Annual General Meeting: Alberta School Councils' Association](#)
9. Kaylee Low will be doing a presentation on Wednesday, April 26 at SJF on Intentional Living in a Digital World-7-8
10. Adjournment: 8:34pm

Tiger Society Meeting to follow – agenda at the meeting

Upcoming Meeting Dates: May 15