



GPMS School Council
Monday May 15, 2023
7:00pm, Learning Commons



TEAMS link at 7pm:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWFjMGY2NmUtNWU2NC00MmFILTikYzYtYTUwZjhhYmNkOTly%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:

Carrie Boschman
Lindsay Hagen
Jennifer Gordon
Catherine Ball
Caylee Low
Allison Purcell
Cheryl Gilmore
Catherine Thorsen
Darryl Christiansen
Evelyn Murakaymi
Brooklyn Oviatt
Tyler Demers

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Carrie Boschman
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** Caylee Low, Evelyn Murakaymi
- 3. Approval of the April 24, 2023 minutes.** Jennifer Gordon, Caylee Low
- 4. Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon**
 - a. No change in bank account 1425.71**
 - b. General Ledger 3398.88, unsure of same but likely the same**
 - 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

- a. Darryl Christiansen (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)**
 - i. Vice Principal Announcement – M. Pierre Legal-moving up from French Immersion team, has done previous vice principal work at Agnes Davidson and here. Passion for literacy and excited to be part of the school.
 - ii. Staffing Update
 1. Some teachers heading to LCI—Mr. Gamble, Mrs. Grieve, Mrs. Lacorsier
 2. Paterson has six positions open that are currently in interview-Gr. 6 FI, Gr. 6-English/Social, Gr. 7-English/Social, Gr. 8 English/Social,

- Gr. 6-Math/Science, K&E, may be some changes to option availability with the changes in staffing.
- 3. Hoping to have staffing in place by the end of the week
- 4. Support staffing planning happens in June
- 5. Have some out-of-boundary applicants but will be considered in the future.
- iii. Gr. 8 – Farewell planning
 - 1. Last week had farewell meeting
 - 2. Google doc to parents who wish to help out
- iv. Athletics/ Fine Arts update
 - 1. Track meet-beautiful day, city meet is next Wednesday, Zones-May 30 in medicine hat
 - 2. Handbell concert-hosted groups from community
 - 3. Choir concert-June 6
 - 4. Band concert-June 8
- v. May/June Calendar
 - 1. PATs this week
 - 2. Victoria Day weekend
 - 3. Very busy June, field trips, Voyage Quebec
 - 4. Calaway park permission will go out this week
- vi. Thank you to Executive

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

- i. Leadership
 - 1. Stidents working to support Digital Wellness on May 24
 - 2. Guide Dog-June 3-Reverse bottle drive. Can drop off bottles at school
 - 3. Open house-kids excited to welcome new students
- ii. Options
 - 1. Registration is open on PowerSchool
 - 2. Teachers are doing with kids, but parents can check options
 - 3. May be some movement with options due to staffing changes.
- iii. 2023-2024
 - 1. First day of School-September 5-Grade 6
 - 2. September 6-Grade 7 and 8
 - 3. All students September 7

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

- i. PAT
 - 1. FLA
 - 2. Wednesday-277 students writing ELA
- ii. FRIM –
 - 1. Voyage Quebec-leave May 26
 - 2. French students went to Cite des Prairie

3. DELF exams-May 2-75 students wrote, results will be mailed to parents

iii. Grade 5 open house

1. May 25

Questions? Feedback?

Request from parent: Continued emphasis on academic awards going forward and making students aware of what awards are available

Request from parent: same emphasis on academics as athletics and arts, providing incentive

Top academic award has been added

Continuum: from no academic awards or awards to more, Paterson seems to be at the pinnacle of awards available.

Award ceremony is happening during the day so that kids are aware of what awards available.

Awards are not always emphasized because there is a continuum of abilities within the school.

6. Trustees Report – Tyler Demers

- a. **Superintendent search: will be announced later this week (hopefully)**
- b. **Westside elementary: construction contract was awarded to Ward Brothers, construction to start this summer, playgrounds are done as part of the initial project and done as a cost-share with the city, Christine Lee works with new principal, get kids involved and companies involved, will be 2 storey and have an elevator**
- c. **Victoria Park upgrade-will be completed in three different phases**
- d. **Galbraith modernization—planning funds were approved by the provincial government. Will be used to plan a study**
- e. **Transportation-2.4 km to 1 km—has to be implemented by September 2024. Will remain at 2.4 km until 2024. Will be 1/3 more buses for 2024. Question: is charging for busing on the table? Not at this time. If there is room on the bus and there is room on the bus, they may be able to take the bus but will be bumped if there is a need.**
- f. **Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute-collaboration with neighbouring districts, dedicated education space for secondary students at Lethbridge College to teach trades, agriculture, medical. Some courses will be dual credit—college course credit and high school credit. Each division will have a number of seats available. Will be blocks of course offerings. 10 students from Lethbridge school division are currently in the Career Pathways program.**
- g. **Spanish Bilingual program—will be at GS Lakie for students who were in the Coalbanks program, bussing will not be available**
- h. **Community Conversation—will likely in be mid-June**

7. District School Council Report – Caylee Low

- a. **Presentation on Cell Phones to the board—well-received, unanimous motion passed to explore current practice**

- b. Election—candidate forums-May 18 at 6:30—St. Paul’s school
 - c. Election advocacy—postcards (Allison has postcards), funding, inclusive education cross-ministerial, transportation
 - d. ASCA—all resolutions were passed except climate change, link in district minutes, if there are resolutions to be brought forward we can discuss
 - e. Policy advisory—school attendance area, attendance at schools, co-curricular/extra-curricular honoraria
 - f. District meeting-June 12-review of SOGI123 guidelines, parents are welcome to attend, listen and give feedback on-line. Parents would like to learn and understand SOGI123 guidelines. Will be a discussion about the most appropriate setting to disseminate information
 - g. School council reporting—school council report will need to be submitted by the end of June. Links to forms on district website.
 - h. Parent learning sessions—DSC minutes [415162 \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://www.lethsd.ab.ca), June 6—Dr. Robbin Gibb, 1-3, 4:30-6, registration available at www.buildingbrains.ca
- 8. Policies**
- a. Policy advisory committee
 - i. Review:
 - ii. Kristin, Jamie Walburg, can email Carrie
 - iii. Carrie will disseminate policies for those who are interested
- 9. Teacher Appreciation-June 7 or 8-Carrie**
- a. December: option for parents to bring food or donate to School Cash Online
 - b. Wednesday, June 7
 - c. Use the same template from December for parents to sign up for food
 - d. Carrie will do a write-up and send to Darryl with template
- 10. 2023-24 Executive and Meeting Dates-Carrie (3rd Monday most months-September 18 AGM, October 16, November 20, no Dec. meeting, January 15, Feb Town Hall TBD, March 18, April 15, May 13)**
- 11. Adjournment: 8:16pm**

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 18