

GPMS School Council-Minutes
Monday November 20, 2023
6:30pm, Learning Commons

1. **Attendees:** Jennifer Gordon, Caylee Low, Paige, Evelyn Murakami, Addie (grade 8 teacher), Morgan Day, Catherine Ball, Catherine Thorsen
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Call for Agenda items.**
4. **Approval of the Agenda.**-Evelyn Murakami, Paige
5. **Approval of the October 16, 2023 minutes**-Jennifer Gordon, Caylee Low
6. **Staff Appreciation Plan – Caylee Low**-Google spreadsheet will be sent out later this week and a reminder the Monday (December 4) before December 6, donation component will need to be set up for school cash. Caylee will contact Jen to set up School Cash and send out sign-up. Morgan will share the lunch information with the staff. Will get sent out on Wednesday this week.
7. **Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon**-\$2542.84, cheque from Save the Kids has cleared, as expected.

8. ADMINISTRATION Reports

a. Morgan Day

- i. Remembrance Day Assembly thank you—Jenelle Heth lead committee, thank you so much. She did a fantastic job. Was really well received.
- ii. Gilbert Paterson Results Report—PAT, surveys. Strengths: PAT results are good but came down slightly from the year before, standard of excellence was lower, students are happy with the school and teachers are happy with the school. Our school is still very competitive with the rest of the province in all areas. This year, the PAT will be based on the new curriculum.
Areas of Growth—parents do not feel connect to our school
Strategies: make sure parents are encouraged to complete the survey.
How do we encourage parents to connect to the school? Invite parents to assemblies, communication, open house.
- iii. School Budget update—budget for the school: 4.5 million, four categories, teacher salaries and benefits (47 staff), support salary and benefits (very few support staff, but needs are greater than staff), contracted services (school psychologist, substitute teachers), supplies.
- iv. PowerCard fundraiser—due to the growth in student population want to ensure that there are funds to help support students (e.g., movie mill).
Power card—get about \$15 for the card from \$20. Help to support the extras that make the school experience better. Consideration about timing of fundraising.
- v. Fine Arts update—concerts: December 12-choir/handbells, December 14-band.

b. Catherine Thorsen

- i. Term 1 completion and Term 2 options—December 1 finishes. New options start in December. Make sure that kids are in a good fit. Report cards: live reporting, consistency, figuring out how to upload rubrics into power school. Report cards can be printed. December 6-end of March is term 2.

c. Morgan Day on behalf of Pierre Legal

- i. Athletics—congratulations to rep girls for winning city champs, rep boys, lost in the semis and had a great year. Thank you to the coaches. Basketball had 250 students show up. Will run rep, developmental, club. Basketball tournament in December. Will look at splitting club teams into sets of teams. Looking for parent volunteers to possibly help tier club teams.

Administration-feedback or questions???

- 9. District School Council Report** – add a “join parent council” button, added more parents to Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
- 10. School Board Report** –discussed the digital wellness and it was well attended and good information. Good panel discussion. Will edit and there will be a recording released of the information. Feedback: could we get a report from the board for our meetings if the board member is not available.
- 11. Adjournment-7:28**

Tiger Society Meeting to follow for those interested

Upcoming Meeting Dates

No December School Council – Jan. 15, Feb. Town Hall TBD, March 18, April 15, May 27



**GPMS TIGER SOCIETY Meeting
Monday November 20, 2023
Following School Council Meeting
Learning Commons**

1. Welcome

2. Call for any agenda items. Approval of the Agenda.-Jennifer Gordon, Evelyn Murakami

3. Approval of the October 16, 2023 minutes—Jennifer Gordon, Caylee Low

4. Business

a. Panago Fundraiser-spoke with Carrie B., Panago will give specific days. Caylee will call Wade at Panago and get dates.

b. Oranges/Grapefruit-must sell 80 boxes. Catherine T. specifically asked for berries. Caylee will contact Tisha E. Tisha does not do berries as a fundraiser.

c. Learning commons -language-based games: Bananagrams, Just One, Codenames-Duet, Word-a-melon, poetry for neanderthals, Anomia, Taboo, Letter Jam, Concept, Photosynthesis. Caylee moved that the money from the , second, carried. Caylee will send an email to Morgan and Jen Wilson to indicate that it has been approved.

d. Account at the bottle depot—table for now. Will discuss at next society.

6. Adjournment: 7:45pm