



**GPMS School Council  
Wednesday Jan 15, 2024**



**6:30 pm, via Teams**

1. **Attendees:** Pierre Legal, Morgan Day, Andrea Andreachuk, Catherine Thorsen, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Annette Siemens, Evelyn Murakami, Robbie Charlebois, Rachelle Ririe, Paige Olson, Catherine Ball
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Call for Agenda items. Approval of the Agenda.**-Annette Siemens approved, Jennifer Gordon seconded
4. **Approval of the November 2023 minutes**-approved by Caylee Low, seconded by Jennifer Gordon
5. **Staff appreciation**-we have \$579.11 for teacher appreciation. Discussed breakfast in March for breakfast for Professional Learning Day, will table to plan end of May/early June for a lunch.
6. **Parent Engagement grant**-\$500 from Alberta Learning. Discussion regarding looking at trauma, Robbin Gibb brain development in kids/teens. Catherine T. and Morgan D. will reach out to Robbin Gibb to look at dates and possible topics.
7. **Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon**-\$2542.84 in the bank account
8. **Trustee Report**-Andrea Andreachuck- Christine Lee reported about new school on the Westside in Garry Station. First 2 storey school since Senator Buchanan opened. Will have about 600 students when open but can accommodate 900 students. Working on realigning boundaries. Can contribute to naming school by February 15. Board went on a field trip to see the e-sports. Will be honouring new walking distances for buses. Discussed boost money for Grades 1-3 literacy and math—only received half the amount as was received last year. Superintendent Mike Nightingale: new curriculum, SIBA training happened, use of nutrition grant is high this year, early years assessment was completed. Healthy school choices changes to procedure from policy. Andrea A. went to Medicine Hat to look at play and learn program. Children with kindergarten teacher in the morning and half in early ed and then switch. School division looking to pilot in 1-3 schools due to fewer kindergarten registrations, could look at all day option. Community conversations: January 16 at Frank’s Redwood Specialty Waffle Café, 418 13 st. N. from 1-2pm. Andrea and Robbie loved attending concert and did a site visit at Paterson. Question about busing: how will it work for families who have children in Grade 6 and older grades. Siblings would not be able to be on the bus unless there was room. Paterson currently has 401 students who ride the bus. Will be a registration process for the bus.
9. **ADMINISTRATION Reports**
  - a. **Morgan Day (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)**
    - i. Thank you-Thank you for the staff appreciation luncheon. Teachers felt loved and valued.

- ii. Town Hall Feb 6<sup>th</sup> No parent council in February due to Town Hall. Below are questions for Town Hall. 6:30-8:15 at Vic Park Volunteers-Jennifer Gordon, Caylee Low, Rachelle Ririe, Evelyn Murakami

What are the successes of the Middle School experience in Lethbridge School Division?

Where can we improve the Middle School experience in Lethbridge School Division?

- iii. Parent / Teacher Interviews – Feb 1, 2-evening of February 1, begin at 3:30 and go until 8, during the day of February 2 8-11:40, registration link will open January 16
- iv. Kylie Penner-filling a leave for Adam Palmer, Adam will be coming back in February. Thank you to Kylie for her time at Paterson.

**b. Pierre Legal (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)**

- i. Survey time! -surveys: Alberta Education Assurance Survey—goes to students and parents in Grade 4, 7 and 10. Codes are mailed out in late January. Covers a variety of topics. Also complete an “Our School” survey. Given to students and they complete in a computer lab.
- ii. Athletics-basketball, tournaments cancelled due to the weather, FLVT and St. Francis cancelled tournaments. Basketball will wrap up in early February. March—badminton will begin. Singles, doubles, mixed, boys and girls.

**c. Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator)**

- i. Fine arts—concerts were fantastic, getting ready for February (week of February 12) play, tickets are available, band and choirs are getting ready for festival
- ii. Updates—teachers are updating powerschool, live reporting seems to be making a difference immediately

**Administration-feedback or questions**

-question about parent teacher interview: encourage parents to come and may reach out if needed

**10. District School Council Report** – meeting is tonight. No report at this time.

**11. Microwaves for Lunch**—nobody to clean microwaves, some classes have microwaves available, very short on caretaking team, change has happened because students no longer eat in the small gym but in their classrooms.

**12. Adjournment: 7:20**

**Next meeting** - Feb. Town Hall-February 6, March 18, April 15, May 27

### **Tiger Society Meeting – January 15, 2024**

- 1. Attendees:** Pierre Legal, Morgan Day, Catherine Thorsen, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Annette Siemens, Evelyn Murakami, Rachelle Ririe, Paige Olson
- 2. Additions to the Agenda, Approval of the Agenda:** Evelyn Murakami accepted, Annette Siemens seconded.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from November 2023.** Caylee Low approved, Jen Gordon seconded.
- 4. Financial Report-**Jennifer Gordon- 10, 733.16
- 5. Fruit Fundraiser-**doing oranges and grapefruits, will likely be at the beginning of March. Caylee will begin developing advertising
- 6. Panago Fundraiser—**Caylee reached out to Wade, March 19, first day of Spring. Caylee will start developing advertising.
- 7. Gym upgrade proposal from Morgan—**upgraded technology in gym. Don't have the ability to have the entire school in the gym. Purchase two large boards to help students connect: use it for athletics, rock band, grade 8 farewell. Will cost \$112,000. Take old scoreboard out and move to small gym. May be grant money available, may be a matching grant.
- 8. Other fundraising discussed:** Casino, speak with committee who fundraised for Lakeview playground, online auctions with donated items.
- 9. Adjourn: 7:42 pm.**