

GPMS School Council

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:00 PM, Learning Commons Began will a presentation by Dr. Robin Gibb some parents attended the presentation and left before the meeting began.

1. **Attendees:** Pierre Legal, Morgan Day, Andrea Andreachuk, Catherine Thorsen, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Evelyn Murakami, Claudia Limon, April Matisz
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Call for Agenda items. Approval of Agenda,** Evelyn Murakami approved and April Matisz seconded
4. **Approval of the January 2024 minutes.** Approved by Caylee Low and seconded by Jennifer Gordon
5. **Financial Statement** by Jennifer Gordon. No change in bank account \$2542.84. The monthly spending and incoming go through the school account until the end of the year when money will be transferred to out bank account. The \$500 Engagement grant money is in our school account.
6. **Administration Reports**
 - a. Morgan Day
 - i. Thank you for the School Council for the March 15th PL day breakfast
 - ii. Friday, March 22nd registration opens. In late April students will choose options and before the year end info regarding bussing will come.
 - iii. Looking at making some changes to the school schedule for next year. Plan to keep 50 min class lengths. Exploring options for lunch to increase time, while considering space and supervision. Expecting 850 students next year. Biggest group will be grade 7. Needed to fill caretaker position. Hoping to know where staff will be moving by mid April and to provide next years staffing information by May meeting.
 - iv. The gym is not big enough for Grade 8 Farewell. Plan to hold the event on the afternoon of June 24th at Lethbridge College. Each student will get 2 free tickets and be able to purchase addition tickets for \$2 each. Hope to have food trucks on sight for families to enjoy if they would like. Also have a complementary Kona Ice for each grade 8 student. There will be a live stream of the event. Parent help may be needed. More info will come after the committee has met with the venue.
 - b. Pierre Legal
 - i. Athletics. Basketball wrapped up all teams did very well. Badminton is starting with students per grade. 3 tournaments coming up. Track and Field coming really soon.
 - ii. Surveys are done for the year. These included grade 7 student parents and many students.
 - c. Catherine Thorsen
 - i. Recognition assemblies will be happening on Thur, March 28 in the morning. Email with information to follow
 - ii. Band, Choir and Handbells are attending festivals.
 - iii. PL day April 8th

- iv. Students have requested a spring dance.
- v. Tips. Band trip to Banff is coming up. Also Choir trip and Quebec trip.
- vi. Information on the year end plans will come next month

7. **February 2024 Board Meeting Highlights** from Andrea Andreachuk

1. Calendar: Andrea moved that the Kindergarten Teachers have 2 days for Parent Teacher Interviews/Celebrations of Learning added back into the 2024-2025 Calendar.

This motion passed.

2. Christine Lee reported that the ICE Scholarship Showcase is ready to go for March 20th at Chinook High School. There will be displays and prizes!

Work is continuing on the Boundary Review in relation to the new school opening on the westside. There will be an open house on Tuesday April 30th at G.S. Lakie for more feedback.

3. Morag Asquith reported that the Behaviour Support Team continues to move from School to School supporting needs.
4. Robbie Charlebois reported on addition staffing in the past month. 17 subs have been added to the sub list. Some teacher contracts were extended and there were additions to support staff.

A caretaking training manual is being developed as well.

5. Mike Nightingale reported that new curriculum in-services are happening. Wellness Nutrition Funding has increased.

A Newcomer to Canada Guide is being developed by Carmen Carvalho (ESL Lead teacher) and Saajan Sapkota (Student Support Worker) from the Aakaipookaiksi Education Centre.

6. Schools highlighted this month were Lakeview where outdoor learning and collaboration for a Vibrant Community are key and Paterson where 70 students had just taken part in their Brothers Grimm: Out of Order production and one of their Grade 8 students Gracia Apsassin - Flamont - First Rider has been named the 2023-24 Junior Siksikaitstapi Princess for the Province of Alberta. Gracia is an accomplished jingle dancer, singer and speaker.
7. We were so happy with the turnout for the Division Town Hall and thank everyone for their feedback. We thank Division Staff for all of their help in organizing this important event. Katie Guccione did a beautiful job of displaying the wonderful student art work which really added to the event.

Andrea was very happy to have the Grade Five student voice at the event and enjoyed talking with former Kindergarten Students who added some really great ideas! We very much reflected on the Town Hall Feedback when we were at our Board Retreat during which we worked on the Division Assurance Plan.

8. The next Community Conversation will be held on the westside at Pedals, Paws and Beans.
9. Policy consultant David Steele has been hired to help work through the board policies.

I was so happy to attend your school's production of The Brothers Grimm: Out of Order! Paterson students, staff and families are all so wonderful!

8. District School Council Report for March

- a. Discussion on the Anti Racism Anti Oppression committee
 - b. Encouragement for all schools to have an active School Council
 - c. ASCA conference in April. The money allotted to each school to send a representation can be shared with another school.
 - d. ICE scholarships
 - e. Engagement grants are out. Use the money by year end.
 - f. Report Card feedback. Erik Hurkett is looking at how report cards can be changed to better reflect student growth and the new curriculum. Mostly this impacts elementary school.
9. **Teache Appreciation Lunch.** Plan to do one Wednesday, May 29th. Jen Gordon will put together the spreadsheet.
10. **Adjournment 8:24PM**

Tiger Society Meeting- March 18, 2024

1. Attendees: Pierre Legal, Morgan Day, Andrea Andreachuk, Catherine Thorsen, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Evelyn Murakami, Claudia Limon, April Matisz
2. Additions to the agenda, approval of the Agenda Evelyn Murakami, Caylee Low seconded
3. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting. Jen Gordon approved and Caylee Low seconded.
4. Financial Report by Jennifer Gordon. \$10,733.25 in bank. Earned about \$600 on the fruit fundraiser.
5. Fruit Fundraiser. Went okay. Is hard to plan with the unreliability of the fruit delivery. May not want to do this next year.
6. Pizza Fundraiser is tomorrow.
7. No other fundraising planned for the year.
8. Adjournment 8:30 PM