



GPMS School Council
Monday Sept. 16, 2024
6:30pm, Learning Commons

- 1. Welcome and Introductions – Morgan Day**
- 2. Attendees:** Caylee Low, Rachelle Ririe, Brie Schindel, Jennifer Gordon, Pierre Legal, Catherine Thorsen, Catherine Ball, Morgan Day, Evelyn Murakami, Carol DerKatch, Gurpreet Singh, April Matisz, Sarbjeet Kaur, Sarah Orr, Christine Lee, Caitlin Krogman
- 3. Approval of the Agenda-Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon**
- 4. Approval of May, 2024 minutes -Jennifer Gordon, Gurpreet Singh**
- 5. Election of 2024-25 Executive**
Chair: Nominations: Caylee Low
Vice-Chair: Nominations: Evelyn Murakami
Treasurer: Nominations: Jennifer Gordon
Secretary: Nominations: Catherine Ball
DSC Rep: Gurpreet

Sarah Orr nominated the above panel, Carol DerKatch seconded. Passed by unanimous vote

Signing authority remains the same as 2023-24 : Caylee Low and Jennifer Gordon

- 6. Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon**
 - a. . Grant funds-received \$750, spent 370.61**
 - b. Donations to staff appreciation-received 1326.99, spent 2209.51**
 - c. Fundraisers-apples: 322.40, fresh fruit: 568, panago: 655.00**
 - d. Current bank balance is 2543.47**

7. ADMINISTRATION Reports

Morgan Day (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)

- a. Enrolment, staffing class sizes-school is still growing, have about 850 students currently, did lots of hiring at the end of last year—Daniel Whiten in grade 7, Cassidy Letournis in grade 6, Jemma Oxley in grade 6, Joely Bellevance in FI, 6 new EAs, hired a part time office assistant, class sizes are similar to last year, in 30s in all grade levels, classes are complex, Emily Ober is supporting learning support, running out of room, 9 classes in most grades but 10 in grade 7, gym is at capacity, moved DEAR time to the morning
- b. Communication with parents-new admin assistant will be helping with communication, please contact Morgan if you have questions or have ideas for communication, school words-connection, empathy, resiliency
- c. Personal device update-division policy and school has procedure—hasn't changed significantly from previous practice. Devices will be kept in lockers—devices can be used at lunch hour, no devices in bathrooms and change rooms, feedback has been good so far, question: is the device affecting learning, division is also looking at AI and its use in schools, changed the settings for TEAMS division wide, send before six—emails are ideally sent before six o'clock, working on messages from school messenger and school cash, teachers are modeling responsible device use as well

- d. Learning commons help-Hannah Brown would like some help in the learning commons—October 24 on parent conference night, help with book fair, needs help with cash box

Pierre Legal (Vice Principal – Grade 7 Administrator)

- a. Athletics, Fine Arts, Clubs and Activities-school activities are busy; volleyball has four different teams and club volleyball after school, cross country information went home today and will take place on September 18. Fine arts: auditions are complete for Oliver, Rock Band is finalized, clubs and activities are getting going. Students are eating in small gym one day a week. Lunch and recess are both 4 minutes longer. Will get a couple of microwaves by the small gym. Clubs are announced every day, clubs will be advertised.
- b. Bussing-work in progress, regulations around bussing have changed. K-6-over 1km, you can get a bus, 7-12 over 2km you can get a bus. Parents had to register through power school for bussing. Has been challenging because of distance and registration. Have 609 students who qualify for the bus.

Catherine Thorsen (Vice Principal – Grade 6 Administrator)

- a. Art Show-looking at how to celebrate the visual arts, community involvement and families into the school, April Matisz has offered to help support, updating art around the school
- b. Front Garden-working with people from Helen Schuler to help with the front garden, how do we do something sustainable, not taken care of by maintenance or caretakers, asking for support, Rachelle would be willing to help
- c. French Immersion-growth in the program, 3 classes in each grade, voyage Quebec will happen, language proficiency, have French culture that the entire school participates in

8. District School Council Report- has not happened yet—October 7 at the education centre

9. Other

10. Adjournment-7:44pm

Tiger Society Meeting to be held in October

Meeting Dates – Oct 21, Nov 18, Jan 20, Feb Town Hall TBD, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12