

**GPMS School Council**  
**Monday, Oct. 21, 2024**  
**6:30 PM – Learning Commons**



1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Caylee Low, Rachelle Ririe, Catherine Ball, Evelyn Murakami, Jennifer Gordon, Morgan Day, Pierre Legal, Catherine Thorsen, April Matisz, Samuel deWalle, Chanilats Patel, Caitlin Krogman
2. **Approval of the Agenda**- Approved-Evelyn Murakami, Seconded-Jennifer Gordon
3. **Approval of September 2024 Minutes**-Approved-Rachelle Ririe, Seconded-Jennifer Gordon
4. **Financial Statement** – Jennifer Gordon-spent all of government grant, received \$250 from the district, have leftover money for staff appreciation, current balance is \$2248.35

**5. ADMINISTRATION Reports**

**Morgan Day (Principal – Grade 8 Administrator)**

- a. Budget-total budget is about \$5,000,000, most goes to salary and benefits (teacher salary, support salary, contracted services, supplies). Focus is on people (44 teachers, 3 office staff, 10 educational assistants). 4 caretakers and family school liaison worker are not in school budget. Grade 7 is the largest grade therefore has the most staff. Weighted moving average-this year's money is based on September 30 from last year, September 30 from this year, September 30 for next year. Problem for growing schools. Funded as a division not as a school. There was supplemental funding in January 2024.
- b. Possible school fundraiser-The Movie Mill reached out to school regarding selling popcorn buckets and we would receive 50% of the profit. Buckets are \$25 and we would receive \$10. Funds to invest in tech.
- c. Parent teacher interviews-Wednesday is professional learning (focus on connection—connecting for teachers, connecting with students, connecting with parents), Thursday/Friday are parent teacher interviews.
- d. Thank you to Rachelle Ririe for doing a beautiful job of the front area with rocks, plants, weeding
- e. Feed the Bug-went well and filled trailer with food

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

- a. Athletics Update-October 9-zones for cross country in medicine hat, took home the banner!, individual results available on ASAA website. [2024 South Zones Junior High Oct.9/2024 \(racepro.ca\)](https://www.asaa.ca/2024/10/09/2024-south-zones-junior-high) Hosted development volleyball tournament-4 outside teams and Paterson won both boys and girls tournament. Rep teams won boys and girls tournaments at Fairbairn. Zones for Vball in November and then cities. Then move to try outs for basketball for Grade 6-8 (perhaps 400 kids trying out for basketball). If you don't make a team, you can join club.
- b. Leadership Update – Dance in Nov 29-end of term 1 dance, leadership students will spearhead, accept food donation for food bank as admission, have pizza as a fundraiser, leadership-Grade 6 working with seniors, Grade 7-My City Care, Grade 8-food bank

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

- a. ISPs and student supports-25% of students need additional supports, ISPs will be shared at parent teacher interviews, LST sent out survey with a 65% return rate. Balance fun with learning, nurses in the building doing Wellness Monday, Dr. Gibb is doing assessments on executive functioning in two grade 8 classes
- b. Term end celebration-December 12 to celebrate options, honour roll, athletics
- c. French Immersion update – Voyage Quebec-85% of kids are going, how is learning going and how are goals going
- d. Remembrance Day-November 8-in large gym, will have two ceremonies
- e. Displaying more student art work in the school

#### **Administration – Feedback or Questions?**

##### **6. District School Council Report – minutes are online**

7. **Teacher Appreciation**-Jennifer Gordon moved that School Council use up to \$625 to staff appreciation toward staff meals for parent teacher interview. Catherine Ball-2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried

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

Meeting Adjourned-7:16 pm

#### **Tiger Society Meeting for those who wish to stay**

1. Agenda for AGM- Approved-Jennifer Gordon, Evelyn Murakami
2. New Chair-tabled
3. Long term goals-tabled
4. Financial statement-end of fiscal year-10, 728.46 in bank account, since end of august \$3000 and a \$5 fee. Need two people to review financial statement. Rachelle Ririe and Evelyn Murakami will audit.
5. Adjourned-7:27pm