

## GPMS School Council

Monday, January 20, 2025

6:33 PM

1. **Attendees:** Pierre Legal, Morgan Day, Catherine Thorsen, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Evelyn Murakami, Brooklyn Oviatt, Rachelle Ririe, and Kaylee Low
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Call for Agenda items. Approval of Agenda,** Kaylee Low approved and Evelyn Murakami 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. \$3033.81 in school account. Includes \$607.20 in donations for staff appreciation, the \$500 Engagement grant money is in our school account and \$250 grant from district.  
Motion made by Caylee Low to use the staff appreciation donations to cater a breakfast for the staff in March. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evelyn Murakami. Passed
6. **Administration Reports**
  - a. Morgan Day
    - i. Thank you for the School Council for the staff appreciation lunch in December. It went well and there was enough food.
    - ii. Honor Roll will come out next week. Will be presented in classroom setting. Then another Honor Roll will come out at the end of the year assemblies. Question about whether a tiered honor roll has been considered. This would give honor roll students something even further to work towards.
    - iii. Town hall Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at Victoria Park. This year anyone can register to attend.
    - iv. Parent Teacher interviews. Questions about the 10min for 2 (or more) teachers. Some discussion of purpose or parent teachers. School wants to change the date of 2nd parent teacher from January to later in the year. Also consideration for a Celebration of Learning style evening.
    - v. Question about the School Treat in December. Morgan outlined the steps taken that day. It was intended as a joke and there have been strong and serious consequences with both the school and the police.
  - b. Pierre Legal
    - i. Survey time. 2 surveys coming up. 1. Alberta Ed Assurance surveys mailed to some grade 7 families. 2. Our School Survey for all kids district wide. This is the last year that this survey has been paid and it may change for next year. It has some challenges for middle school children as it is long and the same survey for high school students, therefore some questions are not very relevant for middle school children.
    - ii. Athletics- there is an Extra Curricular manual being created in the division to bring all the relevant information and policies into one place. This will include modules that need to be completed by coaches and participants. A similar thing is being developed for Fine Arts and another for High School extra curriculums.
  - c. Catherine Thorsen

- i. Band and Choir workshops coming up.
  - ii. Oliver the musical in February
  - iii. Winter Carnival coming with fun stuff for the whole school.
  - iv. Partnership with Lethbridge Polytechnic for learning opportunities
  - v. Ordinary Hero program happening in classes.
  - vi. Working on some improvements to power school. Communicating missed assignment etc.
  - vii. Intramurals continues for all grades
  - viii. Clubs continue. Esports has a tournament this weekend.
  - ix. Tigers Den will open. The Advanced Foods class is making food for students to purchase. Cash only and each grade will have a day/week to buy. We will see how it works.
  - x. New Curriculum in grade 6. Will write the new Math and Science PATs. 7-9 Math Pilot next year.
  - xi. Dr Gibb continues to do research at Paterson. Hoping she will share results in the spring.
  - xii. Professional Development coming up on new curriculum and High School sharing
7. **District School Council Report** for January – no one attended the meeting
  - a. A former RCMP corporal is coming to give a presentation to parents on child exploitation. They would invite school councils who want to support this will grant money. Kaylee Low made a Motion to donate up to \$500 to this presentation. We will have time to meet and vote in March about this and Kaylee Low will find out more.
8. **ASCA grant.** Other ideas in case we still have money. Dr Gibb presentation. Convince her to take a payment this year?? The books from last year are going well so maybe more of those.
9. **Adjournment 8:01PM**