



**GPMS School Council**  
**Monday April 15 2024**  
**6:30pm, Learning Commons**



1. Attendance: Jennifer Gordon, Catherine Ball, Pierre Legal, April Matisz, Caylee Low, Catherine Thorsen, Rochelle Rider, Evelyn Murakami, Saara Terry, Jennifer Gordon
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Caylee Low
3. **Approval of the Agenda-** Jennifer Gordon, April Matisz
4. **Approval of the March 2024 minutes. Correction: 8a: policy not committee. April Matisz, approve with correction, Caylee Low second**
5. **Financial Statement – Jennifer Gordon: unchanged from last month, school account: 1291.17 includes grant, 655-from Panago fundraiser (Wade Pearson), includes \$500 from grant and \$568 from orange fundraisers**
6. **ADMINISTRATION Reports**
  - a. **Morgan Day (not in attendance as she is on choir trip)**
  - b. **Pierre Legal**
    - i. Athletics-things are quiet, Badminton season, Paterson hosts city championships, Badminton zones are in Medicine Hat April 27, track and field coming—school track meet May 22, May 29 Track Cities, following week-Zones (June 4)
  - c. **Catherine Thorsen**
    - i. End of year calendar—Calendar has been updated on school website, Spring Dance April 19, Feeder school visits coming up, Grade 6 Science curriculum lots of PL coming up, new French LA curriculum, four core classes have new curriculum, no Grade 6 PATs in ELA and Math, Paterson will be doing some field testing. Will be a new computer program for writing PATS. May: field trips: Grade 7, will be going to college, grade 5 visits, May 29-staff appreciation, KONA ice is coming and are donating grade 8 grads, hosting indigenous awards May 30 for Lethbridge School Division, next month's school council-May 27, last meeting for the year, exam time: Monday June 17 field trip-Grade 8 to zoo, Grade 6 and 7 to Henderson, award ceremonies-grad will be at college, food trucks-June 24, last day of school for Grade 6-June 21, grade 7 and grade 8-students will go home on bus June 24 Social and 25 Science at 10:30. PATs May 13-FLA writing, June 11-FLA reading, Social studies-June 19, June 20-Science. June 26-open for last minute exams, June 19-math, June 20-LA
    - ii. Discussion regarding moving staff appreciation to June 5-will move to June 5 to not interfere with track zones
    - iii. Class lists process-will start compiling transition plans for next year's classes. Morgan will send out learner profiles, starting at 859 new students, unsure how many new students will arrive.

**Questions? Feedback?**

**Choosing options: late April, early May**

**Choir is in Edmonton, Grade 8 goes to Banff next year, Choir to Edmonton, Voyage Quebec**

**How are class lists selected: consider academics, social emotional, peer relationships, feedback from teachers, number of English as an additional language learners**

- 7. Trustees Report – no report this week**
- 8. District School Council Report – parent learning: about budget—still using weighted moving average to determine funding, no increase in funding due to inflation, no extra money for inflation, schools pay carbon tax but don't get rebate. Superintendent: have fully funded students rather than weighted moving average, 282 students who are not funded but need to go into reserves to provide support required**
  - a. Our minutes are not up-to-date on website, have by-laws posted, except when minutes are not posted, make sure that meetings are more accessible, put school council link on Paterson Press, consider revamping to put new minutes at the top of the website link, may be a binder in the learning commons (Morgan may have the binder), should be seven years of minutes in binder. Will give ASCA money to someone who wants to attend, people are attending virtually, people attending virtually can have proxy votes. On ASCA website, can read resolutions. There are 7 resolutions.**
  - b. Poverty Intervention committee: food hampers are increasing. Want to share stories about how kids have been affected by poverty, Sarah Ahlgren. Can reach out to her to share information about poverty.**
  - c. Some schools did not receive their \$500 learning grant.**
  - d. If we bought books that school could share, Scattered Teens would be recommended. Caylee moved that we spend ASCA grant of \$500 on educational books for parents to be housed at the school and given to parents, as needed. Evelyn second. Passed unanimously.**
  - e. Nominate a teacher week: some schools reported that they were not aware, 158 names.**
  - f. Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression policy, discussion about how policy is made.**

**April 22: SAAG: deadline for art to be submitted for Art's Alive in our Schools**

**9. Adjournment: 7:19pm**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates: May 27**

**No Tiger Society Meeting this month**