

GEORGE STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL
Parent School Support Committee
Meeting Monday September 26, 2016

Present: Pierre Plourde (principal), Ann Manderson (teacher representative), Pamela Kitchen, Darren MacKenzie, Nya Black, Kim Kelly (Home & School), Lisa Colwell, Tina Manuel, Heather O'Connell, Cathy Dewitt, David Bowen, Tim Yerxa, Stephanie Haslam (DEC Representative), Observers – Widad Alsayagh and Yijun Zhao.

1. Call to Order

Housekeeping Items (Pierre):

- **Role of PSSC:** to monitor school improvement plan, GSMS PSSC can have up to 11 voting PSSC members which will require a quorum of 6 each meeting to vote
- **Declaration Forms to Sign:** forms signed and submitted to Pierre by all voting members of PSSC

2. Election of Chair

- Pam submitted her name for Chair. Darren second. Carried.
- Vice Chair submissions Darren MacKenzie and David Bowen. Votes cast. David Bowen selected.
- Secretary Lisa Colwell. If unable to attend, Tina Manuel will take minutes.

3. Principal's Report

- School Improvement Plan/PLEP Plan will focus on student engagement to get them involved. Updated every 2-3 months. Pierre to provide snapshot of spring data. Question asked regarding designated times to provide feedback. Can be provided at any time. The plan is continuously changing as new focus areas are found. Focus is on disengaged youth.
- Fundraiser will be sales of 3 pound bags of applies for \$5. Supporting local business (River View Orchards). Will help Renaissance project as well as water fountains replacements. School would like to purchase GSMS water bottles for all students. Tickets will be provided to purchasers who will pick up their apples from the stand in the school.
- Brilliant Labs Maker Space is demonstrating talent of the students. Great ideas are coming out of the lab. The previous shop area will be converted to a Maker Lab, PSSC will be touring new space at a later date.

4. Teacher's Report (Ann):

- 'We Scare' fundraiser will be at end of October
- Grade 6 transition is going very well

5. DEC Representative's Report (Stephanie):

- No new policies to report
- Oct 20 will be PSSC training at Gibson Neill 6:30pm
- October 24 will be Ernst & Young meeting at FHS 6:30pm

6. Home and School

- 15 parent member turnout this year to the first H&S
- November Nonsense will be November 25, volunteers needed as well as donations for prizes
- Magazine campaign will be March 2017 as fundraiser, some of the previous fund will be to add tables and benches to the strip.

7. New Business Date of Meetings

- Conflict for next meeting due to Ernst & Young report at FHS. We will meet October 17 at 6pm. Future meetings will be the second Monday of the month starting November 14, 2016. Pierre is unable to attend October 17 so VP will attend in his place.
- Budget is \$1,929.20 (after deduction for June supper). Past expenditures have included such things as brochures, magnets for grade 6 parents, SD cards and sticks for digital cameras, pamphlets, guest speakers.
- Consideration should be given to having Cyber presentation for parents again this year since it was so well received last year.
- Discussion on number of students attending GSMS. There are 732 this year, which increased number of teachers by 2.1. River Room has 2 classes in it and they are working well with each other.

8. Adjournment

9. Action Items for October

- Budget ideas
- New business items to bring forward

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Minutes submitted by Lisa Colwell

Date of Next Meeting: Monday October 17, 2016 6pm