Glenmore Parent Advisory Council

Meeting minutes | Feb 26, 2018

# Transformed Curriculum – Teacher Spotlights

*Wendy Briggs, Principal*

* **The Library as a Learning Hub** | *Doug Obst, teacher librarian*The library has been transformed into a learning commons - a learning space available to individuals and groups to use for multiple purposes, such as individual or group work, collaboration, PD, and inquiry. There has been a noticeable shift from content consumption to knowledge and concept creation through the exploration of multiple perspectives. This allows for more collaborative learning outside of the classroom.
* **Let's get moving our bodies to activate our brains and providing ongoing assessment time** | *Wendy Briggs, Principal for Justin Boersma*Mr Boersma is moving beyond physical games to include wellness curriculum that is based on movement. He is inviting community experts in to talk to the students about wellness topics while incorporating movement during the sessions.
* **How to make Math practical and real with TACO MATH** | *Lisa Legree and Julia Walker*Ms Legree and Ms Walker spoke of their recent experience which is in line with GME’s goal of providing more ongoing assessment, which allows further learning to be adapted to the students’ specific challenges, these teachers developed an activity in Grades 4 and 5, where students were asked to run a fictional taco stand. The teachers played the role of customers, while students were the taco stand vendors, and had to demonstrate a variety of math competencies, such as addition, subtraction, and working with decimals. Feedback from students has been positive.

# Draft 2018-19 Calendar

*Sarah Bendall*

Survey was sent out by GME to parents to gather feedback on PD days, vacation dates, etc. Survey ends February 28.

# Principal’s Update

*Wendy Briggs, Principal
Tamalee Middleton, Vice Principal*

* Gratitude for the Staff Appreciation Lunch
Was a success, yet again. Thanks to all parents who donated food and time to this great event.
* Administration Changes at GME
Tamalee Middleton will be leaving at end of March to take a role as Principal at Glenrosa Elementary. Bonita xxx will be the new Vice Principal. Watch for her face and please give her a warm welcome.
* Growth at GME- implications for the future
GME is looking at ways of handling growth of student population. This may mean an increase in the number of classrooms.

# Review of Feb PAC Programs

* Financials Update | *Sarah Bendall for Klaus Minck*No updates to report.
* Staff Appreciation Lunch | *Tara Godwin*As always, was a very successful event. Thanks to all that volunteered time and money to this great event.
* Sex Talk | *Sarah Bendall*Approximately 16 parents attended. Feedback was positive.

# Upcoming PAC Programs

* Fun Lunch Ordering | *Shaudra Ihas*Opens today. Just a reminder that class directories are also available on the Fun Lunch software if parents want to contact each other.
* Book Swap | *Robin Springer*Happening next week.

# Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.