

George R. Gauld JPS Parent Council Meeting

March 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM

PRINCIPALS REPORT

- 241 students as of today – gone down throughout the year
- Staffing
 - Ms. Sierra will be finishing with her homeroom
- Facilities
 - Lockdown drill happened before break, discovered PA in Boys washroom was not working, already been fixed
- Safe Schools
 - Booking “Brave Education” (booked last year to help 3’s and 4’s with conflict management) has been booked for ALL grades this year. Messaging around kids and their agency, what bullying is and isn’t, what is a starter and a target, what to do if you are feeling like a target, etc.
 - Staff meeting this week to confirm date
- Possible Significant change to the timetable structure this year
 - 2 - 40-minute breaks vs 2 – 15 minutes and 1–60-minute breaks
 - Would address some issues that we have, and provide longing learning time and fewer transitions
 - Timing could be slightly adjusted (ie. Slightly later drop off in the morning)
 - Reduces the “too short” and “too long” recesses and have two of the same thing
 - Positives
 - 4 transitions in the day vs 6
 - Increased Learning time & Effective Instructional Blocks
 - Effective Supervision
 - Effective Resource Schedule for Students
 - 45-minute uninterrupted lunch
 - Other schools can have more activities at lunch as they now have space (lunch in class vs. gym)
 - Less total outside time but better used time
 - Opportunity to have more help covering food delivery from lunch providers
 - NEXT STEPS:

- Ms. Wall Ryel, Ms. Park & Mr. Low-Ring are going to a meeting on Thursday to work with the timetable to get all problems solved and questions answered, they will then take to staff
- Extra-Curricular Activities
 - All gender volleyball Tuesdays and Thursdays still happening – April 8 tournament
 - Floor hockey taking place, tournament against staff will take place outside in a few weeks
 - Skating was a success, hoping to do again next year and maybe have more ice time
 - Silver birch reading club happening – trip with Ms. Henning coming soon (for those who read all the books)
 - Trip for Grade 1-3 going to Evergreen Brickworks – EMAs coming and need to be returned and completed a week before the trip
- Volunteering
 - Police Checks need to be done every 5 years now

TREASURER'S UPDATE

- Voted to use \$1,200 of SAC funds for Nutrition Program
- Currently Student Council has \$106 to work with
- Also have \$790 in Parent Engagement Funds provided to the school to be used for printing/photocopying, childcare, refreshments at meetings, etc.
 - Recommend using some of the funds for a SAC inset in the Welcome to Kindergarten packages
- Dance-A-Thon Funds
 - Outdoor play and physical activity related needs

HONOURING JEN WILSON PROJECT UPDATE

- Suggested to make it around ESL as that is what Jen taught at GRG years ago
 - Ie. Have been in ESL program before grad, been part of an ESL success story
- Kara to lead next steps (put together criteria and bring to a vote in next meeting)

POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE

- Phase one of planting complete, next phase is based on learning
 - Would like to propose something on Earth Day
 - Use the rocks around the garden around the school, kids could paint a rock
- Need to address the reflection coming off the bins this year – will be painting

- Looking into more reading and learning materials that could be made available to our school
- Staff Question – What level of engagement do the teachers have? And what learning materials do they need to start facilitating some engagement with the garden?

PINK HOUSE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

- Marian called police last spring when it came to her attention – it is not legal based on proximity to school and that it is open 24 hours
 - Police came to confirm, and said they would pass it on to Major Crimes on June 3rd, 2025
 - Through the summer one of our parents were going to the bylaw office and talking to TPS and they suggested we have people report to Crime Stoppers, the more reports the better
- Heather went to a meeting and learned that local government wants to do an information session for the community
- Amber Morley's team referred us to Kelly at Oak Learners who has also been putting in complaints
 - Kelly confirmed that they removed signage around "snacks and dispensary" but want to know what else will be done given their location to the school is illegal

LUNCH UP TRIAL OFFERING

- Based on feedback on Lunch Lady and the quality decreasing based on past years, we are running a trial in the month of April with another provider, Lunch Up
- Lunch Up partners with local restaurants and delivers to the school
- Order deadline is 2 days prior before noon
- Ordering will be offered on Wednesdays, and we will be starting the trial with Subway as the local restaurant being offered
- If parents are utilizing and enjoying we can look to increase days and/or local restaurants we can order from

DANCE-A-THON UPDATE

- April 8th
- Student fundraising and incentive prize handouts to begin Wednesday
- Same DJ as last year, students coming to the gym for a dance party in groups according to their grade level

SPONSORSHIP CHART PROJECT

- Standardized chart on what different sponsorship amount levels would provide created by Kara for use this year and in future

MOVIE NIGHT UPDATE

- Hosting on an evening in May
- Family-friendly movie
- Pizza & drinks available by pre-order through School Cash Online
- Communication to learn more and sign up to attend if interested will be coming end of April

OPEN FLOOR

- School messenger – how do we indicate they will be late?
 - Mark them as absent, when they come in and are signed in it will be reverted