

GRG School Council Meeting

September 30, 2026

2026-27 Council Executive Team

- Chair: Amy
- Secretary: Christine
- Social: Kara

Principal's Update

Enrollment & Staffing

- Enrollment came in exactly as projected at 239 students.
- We lost 0.5 of a teaching allocation due to slightly lower enrollment.
- Mr. Martell is teaching French at Norseman in the mornings and GRG in the afternoons, allowing Miss Eng to join GRG.
- Miss Richards is now our full-time SNA. Miss Omar transferred to another school.
- Lunchroom supervisor allocations remain unchanged.
- We now have an 8-hour caretaker allocation and welcomed Mr. V as our permanent caretaker.

Facilities

- The proposed school rebuild was not approved.
- A new proposal for a school addition is being explored.
- Sandbox repairs have been completed.

Wellness & School Climate

- OPAL equipment rollout is coming soon after student assemblies and logistics are finalized.
- Staff have already noticed a calmer playground and fewer behaviour incidents with the new balanced day schedule.

Curriculum Night

- Pizza & Partnership Night: October 7
- Families can pick up pre-ordered pizza and enjoy a picnic-style evening together.

Teaching & Learning

- Early reading assessments (SK-Grade 2) are underway and should wrap up by mid-October.
- Grade 3 students will be completing CCAT testing.

Budget

- School budget decreased by approximately \$3,148 this year.
- Overall funding is roughly \$8,000 lower than in previous years.
- Classroom teachers received a \$750 Staples credit for classroom supplies.
- Current School Council balance: \$3,399.52

Fundraising

Terry Fox

- Current total raised: \$8,235, Goal: \$10,000
- Event moved to the rain date due to weather.

LunchUp Program

Current offerings:

- Monday: Subway
- Wednesday: Poseidon Plates
- Alternate Fridays: Sushi

Results so far:

- Raised \$1,000.56 for the school.
- Council will continue monitoring participation before adding more vendors.
- Burrito Boyz and Banh Mi were suggested as potential future options.
- Lunch Lady participation data will be reviewed before making changes.

Athletics & Clubs

- Cross Country meet coming up at Centennial Park.
- Flag Football season is underway.
- Soccer will run as a club, with potential friendly games against nearby schools.
- Additional sports and non-sports clubs are being planned.
- Grade 5 grad trip planning has started following the closure of Albion Hills.

Community & Recognition

- GEM Awards - GRG staff have been nominated as Favourite Frontline Workers.

Holiday Hamper Program

- Council discussed participating in the TDSB Holiday Hamper Program to support a family during the holiday season.
- More information to come.

Pollinator Garden

- Garden is thriving with fall blooms.
- Seed collection is underway to share with the community.
- A Seed Library is being explored.
- Looking for volunteers with woodworking or construction experience to help build it.

Funding Approved

Council approved using surplus funds to cover:

Initiative	Cost
X Movement	\$1,100
Grade 4 Swimming Transportation	\$675.78
School-Wide Skating Program	\$1,129.24

Future Fundraising Goals

Potential ideas discussed:

- Technology refresh
- Classroom learning resources
- School improvement projects

Staff will provide additional feedback on priorities.

Pumpkin Carving Night

- Interest was expressed in holding a Pumpkin Carving Night.
- A volunteer committee will be formed.
- Date and event details to be determined.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- November 9, 2026
- January 18, 2027
- March 1, 2027
- May 10, 2027

(Dates may be adjusted if needed.)