



Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

19 March 2019

Attendees: Wil Dykstra, Mark Sardar, Michelle Snook, Jennifer Malek, Cynthia Allen, Elitza Palazov, Marc Laliberté, Crystall Matheson, Barbara MacIntyre, Kristi LeBlanc, Jennifer Tracey, Heather Peppy, Rhiana Lorimer, Rosita McLaughlin, Amanda Hope, Marianne Harvey

Regrets: Micheline Lalonde, Lisa Briscoe, Brenda Beaudoin

Meeting called to order: 6:36 pm

Approval for March agenda

- Motion to approve agenda. **Motion passed with the addition of an update from the Yearbook Committee.**

Approval for February minutes

- Motion to approve minutes. **Motion passed with no modifications.**

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Hope

Principal's Report (Marianne Harvey, Marc Laliberté)

Everyone is back from a well-deserved break.

Update on events that have taken place since last meeting:

- Feb 19 - Blues in the School performed.
- Feb 21 - The last winter activity day was a great success (ski, snowboard, Winterlude, bowling, tubing).
- Feb 27 - Pink shirt day.
- Feb 28 - Boys and girls basketball tournaments. The girls team came in second and the boys team came in first.
- Mar 1 – It was physical literacy day for grades 2-3. They had various stations around the school to participate in.
- Mar 6 - The Kinders went to Cosmic Adventures. Lots of fun was had and there were some tired people on the way back!
- Mar 7 – Grade 5s went to see a French movie as part of a grant. It was very well received.

Coming up:

- Mar 28 – Hot Chocolate House being put on by the junior classes (3-6) with the assistance of Ms Hamilton and Ms Sabourin. The evening performance is at 6:30 for parents. Auditions have happened and a form was sent home for the ones who made it.
- Mar 29 – Popcorn day & Earth Hour. The school will be recognizing Earth Hour from 1-2 pm.
- Apr 2 – It is World Autism Awareness Day. A teacher tool kit has been shared with many interesting activities for all grade levels. As 1 in 66 kids are diagnosed with Autism, it is important for all children to learn about it.
- Apr 4 - Grad photos in the morning in the library. As well, it is family science evening!
- Apr 5 - Timm Holmes, a local author, is coming to read one of his books to the primary classes.
- Apr 8 - Scientist in the Schools will be with the Kinder classes learning about animal habitats. The band is going to Ridgemont High from 3:30-6:30 sharing their talents with other bands
- Apr 10 – Day of Pink. It is to bring awareness of transmisogyny, homophobia, and transphobia.
- Apr 12 – PA Day put on by ETFO. The teachers have workshops at another location.
- May 14 - Twin Flames is coming to present to the school.

Teacher feedback: The pinnies that were purchased for the Kinders were amazing for Cosmic. It was put forward that it may be something to think about for the older grades. (For example, when grades 4-6 go to Winterlude.)

The custodial staff were repainting over the break; the posts and bulletin boards have been refreshed.

Swim to Survive for Grade 3s: the third group missed their last swim. It was postponed but a new date hasn't been confirmed.

Chair's Report (Cynthia Allen)

- Earth hour (already mentioned).
- OCASC is this Thursday (Mar 21) if anybody can attend this month. Last meeting they discussed the notice of motions, then we discussed as a council, and our decision was brought back to OCASC but they discussed it further so not sure what their final decision was. Cynthia will bring anything to our attention from their minutes if it pertains to us. It will supposedly take the government a year to go over data from their consultations.
- Apr 4 is our science evening. We have asked for volunteers and have 3 so far (we need 10). They would need to facilitate the stations and help clean up. It will be an open-concept marketplace style with 5 or 6 different themes. We received \$1000 from the PRO grant and council agreed to support it with an extra \$250 (for \$1250 total). An Eventbrite will be sent out to parents for sign up. It is mainly geared towards younger students so an earlier start time, 6-8 pm.

Financials (Wil Dykstra)

- We are expected to have \$15,000 at the end,

Fundraising/Pizza Lunches (Wendy Lim & Jennifer Tracey)

- Committing funds for next years pizza lunches, hot lunches.org. Tanya is happy if we don't switch to Cash Online system. \$250 committed for next year. Motion from Jennifer, second by Heather.
- May 8 is a field trip for grades 4-8, same day as pizza lunch. Teachers plan to be back at 1;15, wondering if the pizzas can be left in the class? Offering to do their lunch the 10th, Friday, for that half of the school. Suggested it's not worth it since they will only be 15 minutes past regular lunch time.
- June 5 – intermediate boys and girls have a soccer tournament. Decided they might have to miss the pizza that day as they are participating in sports.
- Yearbook - The grade 8s have been selling candy canes and lollipops and made enough so that everyone can have a yearbook! They are very excited, engaged, and involved. There are 14 kids altogether. They could stop fundraising if they wanted but they were asked if they wanted to help out with a movie night in April and promote it as another grade 8 initiative (cake at the ceremony, perhaps?). They are very excited to keep going. Could use whatever money is made from the movie for something else for the grade 8s. Will extend the invite to other grade 8s who haven't "helped" yet. Our goal was met! Everything else is extra. 😊
- Movie night -April 11th, Thursday before the PD Day. Movie selection was discussed and it was agreed that we would try to get Inside Out. Crystall will order the movie. There will be popcorn, juice boxes, and water purchased; anything left goes to FFD. Glow sticks, as well, as they are a big hit. Doors open at 6, movie starts at 6:30. Going to check the sound system. \$2 at the door, \$1 per item. Signs already made! It will be announced April 4th.

Communication (Rosita McLaughlin)

- When to start recruiting for FFD? Decided on no auction; just a few gifts to make raffle baskets. Keeping status quo. After the movie night we will start asking for volunteers.

Wish List

- Emma Williams, a former student, has offered to freshen up the mural by the D&T room. Council will offer to pay up to \$200 for paint. Motion passed. Barb asked if there's "lacquer" or anything that can be put over it so it doesn't fade or chip?

Questions/Comments/School Activities (Open)

- Michelle to look into an ice cream truck for Kinder/primary summer fun/water day.
- From Miss Marianne - Some things to start thinking about for next year: Ceiling tiles have started being replaced. Anything that council can add towards making the building more "beautiful", although the tiles may not be the purpose of council (not really for the kids), but perhaps a painting to commemorate the 20th anniversary. Tanya was thinking of back urns by the front doors. Perhaps replace the furniture by the front door to something more welcoming. Some greenery in the foyer would spruce it up and make it more appealing for the children.

Used to be some by the back door towards the garden. Tanya getting some quotes for furniture in front foyer and towards the garden door. If we can make it “accessible”, may be some government funding available? We could look into a fundraiser specifically for that area, make it a “community hub” that the classes can use for buddy time; volunteer breakfast is there; etc.

- How to commemorate the 20th anniversary? Something the leaving class can do to “leave their mark”? Aerial photo of the kids in the shape of “20”? Twenty acts of kindness?
- We will eventually have to replace some of the play structures; start placing a certain percentage aside now (~\$107, 000 for the 2 that are there now). Will have to save about 21,000 per year. They are about 20 years old and are a 25 year structure. The grant from the school board is about \$7500.
- Cynthia put our name on list for a butterfly mural. Not sure when it will happen as we have to wait for our name to come up.
- Spring is coming up if anyone wants to help with the garden!
- Parking/drop off improving? Snow is being moved a bit, so that is helping. Traffic seems a bit better as some tickets were given.

Adjourned at 7:52pm.

March 19th/2019 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Cynthia Allen

April 9/2019

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1

Maple Ridge - Parent Council Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation

	(last meeting)	(last year)	
	March 19, 2019	Feb 12, 2019	Jul '17 - Jun '18
Income			
Lunch Programs			
Revenue	26,695	26,405	24,157
Expense	-15,257	-15,142	-13,989
Total Lunch Programs	11,438	11,263	10,168
Dance-A-Thon			
Revenue			
Expense			
Total Dance-A-Thon	0	0	0
Family Fun Day			
Revenue	0	0	4,502
Expense	0	0	-4,147
Total Family Fun Day	0	0	355
Movie Night			
Revenue	0	0	2,217
Expense	0	0	-416
Total Movie Night	0	0	1,801
Other			
Grants	2,500	1,500	1,500
Other revenue	228	228	1,179
Purdy's revenue	1,635	1,618	3,287
Purdy's expense	0	0	-1,389
Total Other	4,363	3,346	4,577
Total Income	15,801	14,809	16,901
Expense			
Interest, bank charges	21	19	31
Miscellaneous	87	87	377
School - activities	1,950	1,950	8,050
School - books & equipment	9,240	8,107	10,136
School - greening	226	226	-5,117
Total Expense	11,524	10,389	13,477
Net Income	4,277	4,220	3,424
Available funds, beginning of year	11,094	11,094	7,870
Available funds, end of year	15,371	15,314	11,094
Reconciliation			
Balance per bank	29,025	29,207	14,333
Balance per PayPal	690	400	
Outstanding cheques	0	0	(3,622)
Outstanding deposits/receivables	2,557	3,175	383
Commitments			
Hot lunch	(5,900)	(7,600)	
School equipment	(9,501)	(8,368)	
School activities	(1,500)	(1,500)	
Available funds, end of year	15,371	15,314	11,094