



**Maple Ridge Elementary School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes June 21st, 2016**

**6:35 – 8:35pm**

**Attendees:**

Cynthia Allen, Barbra MacIntyre, Natalie Makara, Nicole Guertin-Colverson, Shealee Free, Rosita Mclaughlin, Jennifer Tracey, Tracy Murdoch, Crystal Matheson, Elitza Palator, Robin Januska, Ekwa Duala-Ekoko

**Meeting called to Order** – Cynthia Allen

Meeting agenda approved. All were in favor  
Approval of May meeting minutes Rosita and Tracey

\*Change to prev minutes. Page 2, the “tell them from me” is only for parents not from students.

**Principal Report** – Nicole Guertin-Colverson

- With dance a thon money came in and we bought all of the tables in the library and the Ipads/chrome books along with splitters and the ear phones. We are happy that this came through prior to the end of the year, so that parents and children can see what they purchased with the money from the dance a thon. Every class now has a smart board or the installation is in place for one to be done. In addition, there are about 3 tablets per class.
- Still waiting on all signs and the garden for the upgrades. There is no updates, M. Colverson will expect a call and see what the changes will be prior to them being done over the summer.
- For attendance for 2016/2017 it looks like there is one less English and one less French class. There are 4 classes that are all Jk/Sk. There are a total of 28 home rooms this year, primary is going to be about 18 students per class. Junior is about 27 students per class.

**Financial Report** – Wil

- If you would like to do an audit and review all of the numbers, then you can reach out and audit. This is an important yet informal audit. We need someone to do it, Jennifer will do it for this year's numbers.
- \$1500.00 pledged for the Red Cross and this has already been paid
  - There were great prices this year and
- Without the auction the family fun day will run us in the red, we appreciate that we had auction items.
- We did get the IBM grant, this year we had a total of \$4000.00 in grants vs \$2500.00 in grants. The \$4000.00 maker spaces which specialists in the robotics

## **Communications – Rosita**

- There will be a final fun day letter that goes out at the end of the year. It will also have included is a list of what has been done by parent council this year and what has been purchased.
- August there will be a note that goes out with Boston Pizza and Mable's Labels, this will encourage parent to visit these websites/locations for discounts and the school gets a portion.
- This week is the last pizza week, it is on Friday not Thursday this week for primary. The rest of the school will be the same day.
- We will also be waiving the paypal fees next year, we will be removing it in an effort to help fees reduced.

## **Chair report**

- Did not go to OCASC, it was the same day at the kindergarten information session.
- We are looking for people to water the trees and take care of the gardens. If you are interested then please tell Cynthia and she will add you to the rotation.
  - Also looking for mulch and Cynthia will purchase and then bring the bill to Will to expense. It will be a couple hundred dollars in mulch
- There is a letter that has gone home for parents of the grade 8 classes, so they can volunteer when they are in grade 9.
- Pizza Lunches this year will be done again, we will be going with the same company as the vendor and then parents can decide what days they want. We will be using Online again and pizza will be done on Wednesdays next year.
- We do have an opportunity for the Pita Pit to be brought to the school on Fridays. We love the ideas and will be using as a once in a while lunch.
- We will be continuing to use the lunch lady on Tuesdays next year.
- Family Fun day –
  - Parent volunteers were hard to get, it is a lot of work. It is under consideration as to if we would help or not.
  - We are booking for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We will check the date of the grade 8 field trip.
  - The situation is very difficult and very last minute, not a lot of companies want to give donations.

## **Book Fair – Barb**

\$4032.00 from the book fair, she bought \$811.00 for books for the school. She is also going to be spending another ~\$700.00 for book sales from the summer.

## **Shealee**

Buddy benches and thank you to the staff.

## **Fundraisers**

- The date of the dance a thon, we would like to see about doing it in the Fall. The students will be able to use the new items throughout the year, vs only using at the end of the year.
  - We are all in favor of this change. We will look with James for audio/Visual and Tyrell for the dance a thon. We would like to have this in October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Wish List**

- 400 communication bags Shealee to get these for the school
- 15 of each of the flash cards sets for the
- Curtain for the stage – dance a thon
- Buddy benches order tonight no red.
  - Blue and the purple

**Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

- Thank you breakfast – we have a total of \$400.00 in total for this
- 55 people in total
- 4 custodial staff are going to get the additional \$25.00 card. Cynthia will be picking up these

June 21<sup>st</sup>/2016 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

*Cynthia Allen*

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Executive e-Signature

September 20/2016

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Date