



Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

February 19th/2019 (originally scheduled for Feb 12)

Attendees: Cynthia Allen, Mara Belitzky, Crystall Matheson, Barbara MacIntyre, Kristi Leblanc, Jennifer Tracey, Rhiana Lorimer, Sarah Ford, Marc Laliberté, Marianne Harvey, Daniel Renaud, Amanda Hope, Micheline Lalonde, Heather Peppy, Michelle Snook, Elitza Palazov, Tracy Charles, Lisa Brisoe.

Regrets:

Meeting called to Order

Approval for February Agenda

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

Approval of January meeting minutes

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

Minutes recorded by: Rhiana Lorimer

Principal's report (Marianne Harvey & Marc Laliberté)

Welcome to teachers Mara Belitzky and Daniel Renaud attending Parents Council this evening.

Update on School Activities:

- Blues in the Schools to start next week and run for two weeks.
- Winter Activity Days are going very well.
- Pink Shirt Days are Feb 27th to encourage everyone to practice kindness and symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying, and April 10th to show support for LGBTQ issues and symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.
- February 15th PD Day with staff focused on Math. Looked at MathUP Classroom (Created by Marian Small, is a comprehensive online instructional solution that helps build teachers' knowledge and understanding of mathematics so they can better help students). Equipment and resources were reorganized, the math resource room is now an available classroom.
- The primary team will participate in a Physical Literacy Day March 1st.
- Mr. Renaud is coordinating for the Grade 8 students to participate again this year in the Enrichment Mini-Courses Program. Students choose a week long course to attend at one of the Participating Academic Institutions such as Carleton University, University of Ottawa, Saint Paul University and La Cité Collégiale.

Parking Lot Safety: Drop off and Pick Up – **Student safety is an ongoing serious concern.** There continues to be an increase in the number of cars dropping off students in the morning at the front of the school, and in the “no stopping” zone on Valin Street and Provence Avenue. Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Laliberté continue to ask parents to follow the rules of the road as clearly posted, and are working with Ottawa Police Service School Resource Officer and City of Ottawa By-law officers to enforce this. Please refer to the **MRES Parking Lot Guidelines** on the school website for detailed and complete information. https://mapleridgees.ocdsb.ca/news/what_s_new/parking_lot_safety
Council members discussed contacting Ottawa City Councillor for Cumberland Ward Stephen Blais by email (**Stephen.blais@ottawa.ca**) to express our concerns about students, staff and pedestrians in danger. The City of Ottawa

has also launched a Road Safety Action Plan survey than can be completed. <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/road-safety-action-plan>

Technology – We received 45 Chromebooks and 12 iPads for students, as well as 3 computers for the teacher’s prep room. There will be 6-7 Tech Tubs created that teachers can sign out to use in the classroom. There was an assessment of technology in the schools and to support equity in education, the Board implemented a board wide technology program, to be rolled out over five years. Maple Ridge was seen as a school with great needs so this year was our year, second in the five year program. The idea was that every teacher would have a working laptop or tower (personal computer) and there would be a 1 device to 4 student ratio.

Chair Report (Cynthia Allen)

- PRO Grant - \$1000- Scientists in School Family Science evening – April 4, 2019, 6:00-8:00 pm. More detail to come in March. Volunteers will be needed to assist. Communication to be sent home closer to the date along with links to sign up for the sessions.
- SWL-OES fundraiser – Sir Wilfrid Laurier SS is running a fundraiser in April 27th/28th in the Ray Friel parking lot. Please see link for further details of electronics accepted <https://ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca/> The funds raised will go to the purchase of a laser cutter which will make precision cuts and engravings. At the moment, teachers are taking the students work in the evenings and having the assignments completed using the Ottawa Public Library’s equipment. SWL is reaching out to the feeder schools to get the word out. The goal is to have one at the school to benefit not only the current students but future incoming students as well. Mrs. Harvey Mr. Laliberté will inquire to the Board to see if the school’s old tech equipment could be donated. Note: fundraiser is based on weight, so larger items such as old T.V.s would be appreciated.
- OCASC update – Health and Physical Education Curriculum. As the current provincial government has indicated that it will take approximately one year to collate all the data and feedback that was received as part of the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario, OCASC has put forward three **‘Notice of Motion’** items. Each respective Council is asked to discuss these motions (listed below) and determine how the council’s representative is to vote.
 1. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC reps ask PIC to write to the Minister of Education and state the following:
 - a year is an excessive delay for a response to the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario; and
 - the modern Health and Physical Education curriculum, as was taught in 2015, should be reinstated; or school boards should be given the option to reinstate the curriculum, for the interim period before the consultation response.
 2. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC reps ask PIC to relay concerns, to the Board and the Ministry, about the practice of reporting teachers who answer students’ questions around physical health and wellness. This practice creates a climate of distrust that is not conducive to open and equitable discussions amongst teachers, staff, and students.
 3. Notice of Motion: Request that OCASC ask PIC to clarify whether School Councils can engage parents and offer programming, during school hours, on the subjects from the 2018 Consultation: Education in Ontario.

All three **‘Notice of Motion’** items were discussed and it was the unanimous decision of the Council for the OCASC representative to vote to support these motions.

Financial Report (Wil Dykstra) (Appendix 1)

- Deferred

Communication (Rosita McLaughlin)

- Deferred

Fundraising/Pizza Lunches (Wendy Lim & Jennifer Tracey)

- Family Fun Day - Discussion of Family Fun Day planning for May 30th. Further discussion and planning at next Council meeting.
- Movie Night – Discussion of a movie night fundraiser in the spring. Date, movie and details TBD.
- Pizza – Discussion of possibility of moving pizza ordering to School Cash Online next year. If Council organizers are able to continue to use the HotLunches system, a discount will be received if paid by July 31st. More information to be obtained from school administration.

Wish List

- Presentation by Mr. Renaud. During the February 15th PD Day, inventory was completed of the science resources and materials. Needs were determined and a wish list was made (see Appendix 2). Requesting Council review the list and consider providing funding. – **Motion Passed**

Adjourn: 8:40pm

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

Cynthia Allen

March 19/2019

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1.

**Maple Ridge - Parent Council
Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation**

	<u>Feb 12, 2019</u>	<u>(last meeting) Jan 14, 2019</u>	<u>(last year) Jul '17 - Jun '18</u>
Income			
Lunch Programs			
Revenue	26,405	15,510	24,157
Expense	-15,142	-9,049	-13,989
Total Lunch Programs	<u>11,263</u>	<u>6,461</u>	<u>10,168</u>
Dance-A-Thon			
Revenue			
Expense			
Total Dance-A-Thon	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Family Fun Day			
Revenue	0	0	4,502
Expense	0	0	-4,147
Total Family Fun Day	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>355</u>
Movie Night			
Revenue	0	0	2,217
Expense	0	0	-416
Total Movie Night	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,801</u>
Other			
Grants	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other revenue	228	228	1,179
Purdy's revenue	1,618	1,618	3,287
Purdy's expense	0	0	-1,389
Total Other	<u>3,346</u>	<u>3,346</u>	<u>4,577</u>
Total Income	<u>14,609</u>	<u>9,807</u>	<u>16,901</u>
Expense			
Interest, bank charges	19	17	31
Miscellaneous	87	87	377
School - activities	1,950	1,000	8,050
School - books & equipment	8,107	4,057	10,136
School - greening	226	226	-5,117
Total Expense	<u>10,389</u>	<u>5,387</u>	<u>13,477</u>
Net Income	<u>4,220</u>	<u>4,420</u>	<u>3,424</u>
Available funds, beginning of year	11,094	11,094	7,670
Available funds, end of year	<u>15,314</u>	<u>15,514</u>	<u>11,094</u>
Reconciliation			
Balance per bank	29,207	16,498	14,333
Balance per PayPal	400	3,110	
Outstanding cheques	0	0	(3,622)
Outstanding deposits/receivables	3,175	3,175	383
Commitments			
Hot lunch	(7,600)	(2,400)	
School equipment	(8,368)	(3,869)	
School activities	(1,500)	(1,000)	
Available funds, end of year	<u>15,314</u>	<u>15,514</u>	<u>11,094</u>

Appendix 2.



Maple Ridge Elementary School
2019 School Science & Technology Order

QTY	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
2	76850	Intro to Simple Machines Lever/Pulleys	61.80	123.60
1	731925	K'Nex:Makers Kit Large	114.90	114.90
2	77815	Mechanics:Cams/Cranks	66.10	132.20
1	77813	Mechanics:Gears/Drives	79.00	79.00
2	76852	K'Nex: Gears + T. Guide	61.80	123.60
2	76854	K'Nex: Wheels/Axles + T. Guide	61.80	123.60
2	730754	STEM Series: Structures/Buildings	63.50	127.00
1	730321	Electronic Compact Scale	39.95	39.95
2	733484	Solar Power Vehicles	69.25	138.50
			SUB-TOTAL:	1002.35
			HST 13%:	130.31
			TOTAL:	1132.66

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