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Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

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December 7th, 2021 – Meeting via Google Meets
6:30-8:00pm

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Attendees:

Mireille Fillion, Robert Levesque, Mara Belitzky, Amanda Hope, Elitza Palazov, Jennifer Tracey, Lisa Briscoe, Pamela Dossett, Mira Tuepah, Barbara MacIntyre, Crystall Matheson, Melissa McClung, Shealee Free, Brenda Beaudoin, Nelofar Dost, Sajith Kumar

Regrets: Cynthia Allen, Wendy Mak

Minutes Recorded: Amanda Hope

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Nothing amended; agenda approved as is.

Approval of November's meeting's minutes: Amanda moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Jennifer. All in favour. November 2, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

Principal Report: *Mireille Fillion/Robert Levesque*

A very informative report was provided by both the principal and vice principal outlining everything that has been happening at Maple Ridge since the last meeting.

Board looking at some of the regulations: no dates yet for intramurals; will look in January when we can get back to normal, hoping for the end of January. During indoor recess students can mingle in class with masks; no eating during this time. Very rare incidents where cohorts mix (ex. Empower group) Got the go-ahead for picture day! Jan 13 for the whole school. No class pictures but the photographer will put individual pictures together to form a class photo. Feb 9 are photo retakes and Grade 8 Grad pictures. Yearbook - lots of interest from students participating.

No teachers have approached with special requests (re: art/science presentations). Focussing now on basic literacy and needs within the school. Will bring forward any requests.

Virtual book fair is going on right now.

Spirit days happening in some classes next week. May vary between classes so look for info from your child's teacher.

EIP group has started with some 7/8s showing presentations. They meet once a week with someone from Royal Ottawa for 45 minutes. Talk about goals for themselves, dealing with anxiety, how to communicate worries, building peer support, etc. Will continue until June. and hopefully next year. Some students miss

a bit of lunch/class. It is voluntary and so far, very positive.

School climate survey - pilot. This is a ministry requirement for districts every couple years. Conducting in Junior and Intermediate classes next week. It's an opportunity to see how the school is doing from the standpoint of students.

Group of Staff are undertaking professional learning on Third Path. The Third Path is a relationship-based approach to student well-being and achievement. Webinar series that will continue through to next year. Rapid Antigen Tests to be sent home with students before the holidays. This is a Ministry initiative. OCDSB will be communicating directly re: how it's sent home, how to use it, etc.

Chair Report: *Cynthia Allen (absent; report given by Amanda Hope)*

MRES Council Constitution Review - still need a few parents to review this. Please let council know if you're interested.

Trustee Keith Penny was invited to speak to Council but had a Board meeting so he couldn't attend. Cynthia provided us with an update he gave to the Sir Wilfred Laurier SS Council on Nov. 24/2021:

1. Covid-19

- vaccine mandated for OCDSB staff, excellent compliance rate
- staff members can wear their own masks
- slowly returning to normal but taking a conservative approach

2. Review & Modernization of various policies

- Starting to look at the strategic plan - Creating a Culture of innovation, caring and social responsibility. The current strategic plan is 2019-2023
- Human Rights Policy is under consultation

3. In the process of hiring senior staff (superintendent level) as several took retirement

4. Experiencing delays in capital spending process - example given was the construction of the new Stittsville High school

5. Continued bus driver shortage

6. Starting to 'think' about the budget process for the upcoming year keeping the following in mind:

- mental health support
- decrease in red tape and administrative burden
- decrease in urbanization
- learning opportunities
- improvement in the hiring process for teachers
- looking at gaps in learning due to Covid-19. Keith would like to see extra funding for this

7. Trustee Electoral Zone Boundary Review -

https://ocdsb.ca/news/trustee_electoral_zone_boundary_review

School attendance boundaries are different from electoral zone boundaries. School attendance boundaries define the catchment area for students who are eligible to attend the school. A review of electoral zone boundaries does not impact on the school attendance boundary - where students go to school is not affected by electoral zone boundary changes. Zone 8 - our zone is not affected.

8. **PRO grants** - I asked if these will be available again this year. Keith said there is funding for PRO grants but the Board has not finalized how the funds will be allotted this year.

Keith addressed the issue around the **PIC and OCASC representatives as member of the COW**. At the moment OCASC is a non-voting member. A motion to replace the OCASC member with a PIC member was put forward. Keith said that the COW should be a business meeting and not a townhall. There needs to be another outlet for trustees and the Board to hear from parents. At the moment there are 45 participants on COW including Board members and 12 trustees, 11 non-voting representatives. They need to develop a strategic approach to hearing from both OCASC and PIC. The motion to amend sections of 2.1 and 2.2 of [P.010.GOV - Community Involvement on Board Standing Committees](#) is being discussed tonight.

OCASC Update: *Amanda Hope*

There were a few items to bring back to councils for input:

- Electoral Review: The Board is reviewing it's electoral zone boundaries. This will not have an effect on the school zone boundaries, but it does impact the trustees.
<https://ocdsb.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=37191299>
- Any suggestions or feedback on the Pro Grant money can be forwarded to pic@ocdsb.ca
- PIC or OCASC to represent council voice at COW. The board is meeting tonight and a motion has been put forward to have a seat for PIC; this would replace OCASC. What that means in terms of Councils having a voice isn't clear.
- A parent from the OCV Secondary School council came forward with her letter that she had written to trustees to allow students from OCV to switch to in person for second term as well as participate in extracurriculars. Right now, there hasn't been much support for that but she wanted it brought forward so Councils were aware and could advocate for the inclusion of OCV students at our respective schools, if necessary. (Question: Has anyone requested this at Maple Ridge? A: There's only about 7 or 8 students in OCV and approval to switch is on a case by case basis. There is an application form on the website.)
- There was also a presentation on the status of Music in the OCDSB and how it's changed, especially due to the pandemic and limiting the number of contacts. Doesn't seem to be as many music specialists anymore, especially at the elementary level.
- Arts Representative – councils are invited to appoint a parent to represent arts on their council. The Arts Advisory Committee will provide supports and information to assist parents in this role. You only need to have a passion for the Arts. Contact artsadvisoryocdsb@gmail.com
- Next meeting has been moved up to this Thursday, if anyone would like to attend.

Fundraising & Communications: *Wendy Lim (absent; update given by Jennifer Tracey)*

Purdy's Chocolates - \$3500, about \$1000 profit for the school. Should be arriving next week (delay in BC).

Financial Summary: *Jennifer Tracey*

An update of items we've supported so far:

- Kinder books: \$227.46

- Forest of Reading: \$1557.85
- Je lis Je lis: \$927.71

Wish List: nothing brought forward

Round Table:

Elitza - Yearbook: the students are super excited and happy to be there. (Heather Peppy and Jennifer Malek also contributing)

Pam - Feedback on je lis je lis - Mme Bisson did a great job integrating it into the class with a reward system. Thank you for taking this back to teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

December 7, 2021 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Cynthia Allen

January 11/2022

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1: Financial Summary and Commitments

	<u>Dec 4, 2021</u>	<u>(Last meeting) Oct 29, 2021</u>	<u>(Last year) Jul 31, 2021</u>
Income			
Lunch Programs			
Revenue	0	0	0
Expense	0	0	0
Total Lunch Programs	0	0	0
Movie Night			
Revenue	0	0	0
Expense	0	0	0
Total Movie Night	0	0	0
Other			
Grants	0	0	1,150
Other Revenue	52	52	442
Other Expense	0	0	0
Purdys Revenue	0	0	706
Purdys Expense	0	0	0
Total Other	52	52	2,298
Total Income	52	52	2,298
Expense			
Interest, bank charges	11	6	33
Miscellaneous	0	0	910
School - activities	0	0	-140
School - books & equipment	2,713	225	3,005
School - greening	0	0	81
Total Expense	2,724	231	3,889
Net Income	-2,672	-179	-1,591
Available funds, beginning of year	9,388	9,388	10,979
Available funds, end of year	6,716	9,209	9,388
Reconciliation			
Balance per bank	9,429	9,434	9,388
Balance per PayPal	0	0	0
Outstanding cheques	(2,713)	0	0
Outstanding deposits/receivables	0	0	0
Cash On Hand	0	0	0
Commitments			
Hot lunch	0	0	0
School Equipment	0	(225)	0
School Activities	0	0	0
School - Greening	0	0	0
Available funds, end of year	6,716	9,209	9,388