



MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

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January 11th, 2022 – Meeting via Google Meets

6:30-8:00pm

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Attendees:

Mireille Fillion, Lysanne Darmody, Mara Belitzky, Amanda Hope, Elitza Palazov, Jennifer Tracey, Lisa Briscoe, Mira Tuepah, Barbara MacIntyre, Crystall Matheson, Shaelee Free, Salma Yarjani, Jennifer Malak, Alisha Ahmad, Mike, Maggie Turpin, Mike Talom, Susan Dybka, Wendy Lim, Anthony Dice, Sajith Pillai, Jessica Robson

Regrets: Pamela Dossett

Minutes Recorded: Amanda Hope

Welcome & Introductions

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

Approval of December's meeting's minutes: Jennifer moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Mara. All in favour. December 7, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

Principal Report: *Mireille Fillion/Lysanne Darmody*

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.

Welcome to Lysanne Darmody, the new VP. Coming to us from Henry Munroe, she has taught French Immersion and Core French. Grew up in Orleans and has had a chance to meet the DD class in person and has been popping into Google Meets.

The office gave 146 chromebooks, everyone that requested one was able to get one. Six out of 10 students attending in person in the DD class with 2 EAs, teacher and support teacher. A few teachers are using the school to teach from. The sync/async expectations are the same as in the spring. Trying to support student needs as best they can, the message to parents is that they know what their child can handle and to do what they can, no pressure. Staff is available during async times. If there are concerns, please reach out to the teacher first.

They have not received any more HEPA filters at this school. Maple Ridge is a young school compared to many others and ventilation is up to date.

Q: from Elitza - Can council help out with this? A: Board wants them to use what they are providing but can ask the Superintendent if that would be possible.

Have received student cloth masks; there is one mask per student. Please make sure to wash the masks in between uses. Have received 200 N95 masks. Staff are allotted one mask a day but not sure when the next ones will be coming.

Q: from Cynthia - Are the dividers still being used? A: In Kinder yes.

Q: Do students have to wear the mask provided? A: No. They do seem better quality than previous cloth masks received.

Cancelled picture day due to the pivot to online. Grad pictures for Feb 9 being kept and will look to have another date for the rest of the school. There will be no class photos; just individual.

Get Real presentation scheduled for Feb. 9 as part of Black History month.

Grade 8s are currently looking at class options for high school.

PD Day next Friday, Jan 21.

Kinder info night to be held virtually on Jan 25. Parents can start registering anytime.

Intramurals have been paused, and so have library visits.

Zero communication from the board regarding virtual continuing.

Cynthia: Some doctors to be speaking tonight at COW about this but for OCDSB to go against what the board wants OPH would have to invoke a sec 22 and it doesn't look like they would.

School has been told that the system of contact tracing will not happen. If able to get tested, school won't be informed of any positives. Any students with symptoms will be going home, regardless of the reason.

Don't know what staffing is going to look like, classes may have to close if replacements can't be found.

Q: Will hybrid be an option? A: DD did it last year and it is virtually impossible. The virtual school is not related to Maple Ridge so you would have to register there and they still have their class limits so you can't just switch back and forth. Work will be available on Google Classroom but no live teaching would be available for anyone who chooses to keep their kids home.

Q: from Shaelee - Can the school make the decision to inform cohorts if the school finds out about a positive case? A: That was a question they asked last week and didn't receive much feedback. Would like to be able to pass on the information but not sure if that would be a form letter from the board or from the principal.

Q: What is your recommendation for parents if they come home with symptoms? Or know of a case? A: Can use a rapid test if you still have some but the school doesn't have any right now and not sure if they will get any. If sick, keep your child at home. If a student is away, please let the school know why so that we can try to track why students are absent. Also, the self-screening tool from Ontario has been updated which gives detailed information on the requirements.

Q: from Wendy - What about PCR tests that were available at one point? A: Have about 10 tests left that expire in Feb. School can send them home if they feel they need to but when they are gone, they are

gone. And parents will need to drop them off at a testing centre.

Comment from Shaelee: The staff has been amazing and the transition to online has been really smooth.

Chair Report: *Cynthia Allen*

MRES Council Constitution Review - Cynthia will be on the committee, and thinks a section on virtual meetings will need to be added. Looking for 1 or 2 more people to join.

Pro Grant Suggestions - Council Corner newsletter used to go out twice a year but hasn't been done for a number of years. Wondering if anyone thought this might be a good idea. Would be a nice way to let parents know what is happening, for example: Forest of Reading, Pro Grant suggestions, etc. Should be getting \$500 for Pro Grant, and looks like there may be an option to "apply" for a speaker series again, would be great to get feedback from families as to what they might like.

Wendy: A lot of information already being sent to parents, is another one something that parents want?

Amanda: Would we be repeating ourselves by sending out a newsletter since we already send emails with information? Could still reach out to the parent community.

OCASC Update: *Amanda Hope*

PRO Grant: What would your council/parents prefer of these three options?

1. Per school allocation
2. Parent / Council Day or Conference – many topics such as council training and parent interest, and definitely training on Virtual presence
3. A substantive thing – communication materials, community art project, parent engagement booklet, language translation

Motion to replace OCASC with PIC at COW – Trustee Scott made a substitute motion which was passed and:

- PIC will be added,
- there is a moratorium on any new additions, and
- they will review the policy. All non-voting members will remain until the policy is reviewed.
- OCASC seat remains.

Destreaming– what are the pros and cons. Currently grade 9 math is destreamed and will be expanding to all compulsory secondary courses. What does this mean for support to all schools, not just secondary? This impacts supports for learning in all grades.

Arts Representative – Arts Rep on councils - councils are invited to appoint a parent to represent arts on their council. The Arts Advisory Committee will provide support and information to assist parents in this role. Contact artsadvisoryocdsb@gmail.com if interested.

Fundraising & Communications: *Wendy Lim*

Purdy's campaign went smoothly. Total profit just over \$1000.

Financial Summary: *Jennifer Tracey*

Change of \$50 cheque from Mabel's Labels. Everything we've voted on has been paid for. No outstanding commitments.

Wish List:

Nothing right now.

Round Table:

Q: Any update on the book fair? A: Will try to bring an update at the next meeting.

Maggie: Suggestion of a quick poll, either via Facebook or email to generate ideas for the Pro Grant. Maybe Survey Monkey? Give a few topics and an option to add their own idea. (Side note that teachers and staff are doing a fabulous job.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

January 11, 2022 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Cynthia Allen

February 1/2022

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1: Financial Summary and Commitments

Maple Ridge - Parent Council Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation

	<u>Jan 9, 2022</u>	<u>(Last meeting) Dec 4, 2021</u>	<u>(Last year) Jul 31, 2021</u>
Income			
Lunch Programs			
Revenue	0	0	0
Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Lunch Programs	0	0	0
Movie Night			
Revenue	0	0	0
Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Movie Night	0	0	0
Other			
Grants	0	0	1,150
Other Revenue	111	52	442
Other Expense	0	0	0
Purdys Revenue	0	0	706
Purdys Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other	<u>111</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>2,298</u>
Total Income	111	52	2,298
Expense			
Interest, bank charges	14	11	33
Miscellaneous	0	0	910
School - activities	0	0	-140
School - books & equipment	2,713	2,713	3,005
School - greening	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,727</u>	<u>2,724</u>	<u>3,889</u>
Net Income	<u>-2,616</u>	<u>-2,672</u>	<u>-1,591</u>
Available funds, beginning of year	9,388	9,388	10,979
Available funds, end of year	<u>6,772</u>	<u>6,716</u>	<u>9,388</u>
Reconciliation			
Balance per bank	6,713	9,429	9,388
Balance per PayPal	0	0	0
Outstanding cheques	0	(2,713)	0
Outstanding deposits/receivables	59	0	0
Cash On Hand	0	0	0
Commitments			
Hot lunch	0	0	0
School Equipment	0	0	0
School Activities	0	0	0
School - Greening	0	0	0
Available funds, end of year	<u>6,772</u>	<u>6,716</u>	<u>9,388</u>