



# MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

1000 Valin St, Orleans, ON K4A 4B5

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – Meeting via Google Meets**

**6:30-8:00pm**

### **Meeting called to order: 6:31 pm**

#### **Attendees:**

Cynthia Allen, Jennifer Tracey, Mireille Filion, Mira Tuepah, Lisa Briscoe, Wendy Lim, Amanda Hope, Crystall Matheson, Mara Belitzky, Elitza Palazov, Jennifer Malek, Brenda Beaudoin, Jason Turpin, Lysanne Darmody, Barb MacIntyre,

**Regrets:** Pam Dossett

**Minutes Recorded By:** Amanda Hope

**Welcome & Introductions** *Mireille Filion*

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

**Approval of April's minutes** Wendy motioned to approve. Seconded by Lisa. All in favour. April 5, 2022 meeting minutes approved.

**Principal Report** *Mireille Filion & Lysanne Darmody*

A detailed report regarding the latest school news was presented:

Mireille:

Rapid Tests are still available by request.

There is no more cohorting at recess. The play structures are open and a rotating schedule is in place to make it fair and to avoid congestion.

There has not been too much flooding in the Kindergarten yard. Troy (custodian) was able to create a path to the sewers throughout the winter.

Not too many parents have asked for an exemption for masks but they would not be denied if they did.

Water fountains are open and directional stickers removed from hallways. Looking at allowing Reading Buddies towards the end of May - possibly outside. Trying to get back to normal but with some considerations.

Absences have been up and down but last week seemed to be closer to normal: 30-50 students per day. Had to close 2 classes on one occasion; lucky considering other schools in the area have had this happen with more frequency.

Friday is cultural day; a celebration of who students are.

Looking at enrolment of 495 kids for next year. Same number of classes; a few splits but nothing is final until September. Did have to surplus one of their part time teachers because they need to hire an instrumental music teacher (on hold due to covid) and no one on staff currently has the qualifications.

Have been told not to plan any school-wide picnics/activities just yet. Have been given the green light for an in person leaving ceremony for June 29. (Last day of school is June 30.) It will be limited to 2 guests per student (60 students leaving), happening in the early morning. They will have a pizza lunch and dance in the afternoon.

Some classes are starting to go on field trips. Trips are asked to be in the city. Grade 7s have gone to Macskimming and grade 8s are looking at something as well.

Lysanne:

M Renaud is helping students register for summer school. Summerschoolinottawa.com : it runs for about 3.5 weeks in the summer.

EQAO for grade 3 & 6. Format has changed and will be mostly digital but 3s can write on paper for literacy. Some assistive tech is available to all students. Teachers are going through the training right now and looking at early June. Looks like the whole test will take a lot less time due to the digital component. There are some practice tests to help the grade 3s with the technology.

1523 items donated for the food drive and \$250 was raised as well.

Many classes have done some art around the theme of sunflowers in support of Ukraine. A donation link will be sent to all families to help raise money for the Canadian Red Cross's Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

### **Chair Report: Cynthia Allen**

**MRES Constitution Review** – As stipulated in the Constitution, a review for accuracy must be completed every three years. Cynthia edited the document to include the provision to hold virtual meetings if required. All in favour of change. MRES Council Constitution approved.

**Pro Grant** - Email discussion occurred and decided to go with Scientist in the School: When Science Meets Art. It looked to be the most hands on. There will be 4 sessions on May 30 6-7 & 7:30-8:30, 2 sessions running concurrently. SiS uses MS Teams but it is not board supported so they would have to host it. We will set up a google form for registration. Distribution of the science kits will be done by parent pick up. Mireille says the kits are well-organized. Need to get registration done soon as SiS needs to get the kits

ready. They will deliver them to the school unless it is short on time.

**OCASC Update:** *Amanda Hope*

OCASC is working on a workshop on how to conduct hybrid meetings, for those councils who want to be able to start this right in September, should we get the okay from the board. Amanda will attend this workshop (scheduling permitting).

This month is the AGM - should anyone want to attend! Vote on the new executive takes place and it's the last meeting of the year. Visit <https://ocasc.ca> for more information.

**Fundraising & Communications:** *Wendy Lim*

First pizza day went really well! Great to go around the school and see all the excited students. In total 46 pizzas were ordered (a record possibly!) and it's about the same for the next 2 weeks. Most everyone signed up for all 3 days. Was this because the days were spread out? Or because it hasn't happened in awhile? Something to think about for next year. Pizza boxes were then used by Belanger for a fractions activity. Split lunchtimes took a little organizing but pizza was on time and it worked out.

**Financial Summary:** *Jennifer Tracey*

Pizza brought in est. \$1200 which is quite good.  
Also received a really generous donation from a parent for our council!  
We have \$9295.00 available.

**Wish List:**

Nothing right now. Looking ahead to graduation.  
Council always tries to support something for the grade 8s.

Elitza - yearbook. Last month for Yearbook. Only Elitza and Jen M as parent volunteers working on this. Twenty-five kids meet in the library every Thursday. They have a lot of energy and are eager to participate and help get things done. Received the grad photos. The printer prices haven't changed. The price per book is 7.50\$ and there are 62 students, and would want to print 3 extras. \$487.50 would be the total cost. Usually would try to fundraise with the students so everyone could get a yearbook. Is there a graduation budget or can the council help? Present from the school is their trip, dance, ect. Aiming for the first week of June to have a mock-copy to check over.

Cynthia - put forward a motion of \$1000 to cover the cost of the yearbook and a gift.

Wendy - agree to pay for the yearbook. Wondering if council should consider getting a subscription of our own for the program used if the yearbook is something we want to continue (only have done it the last 4-5 years). (Used a previous council member's subscription.)

Jennifer - If the school has surplus in their budget that will be lost; would rather see the school pay for it but if they school doesn't have the funds, then yes of course.

Lysanne - adobe creative cloud accounts are available for all staff so wondering if council's gmail acct would have one attached to it. Or perhaps that's something we can get through the board.

Cynthia - We would need a parent volunteer to take this project on.

Elitza - also needs someone who knows the program.

Crystall - sounds like a great art project for a teacher.

Cynthia - may be a better discussion for September as we will have a better idea of whether teachers can help.

Cynthia put forward a motion to spend up to \$1000 for grade 8 leaving, including \$500 for yearbooks, large composite photo, decorations, engraving for the medals, etc. All in favour. Motion passed.

**Round Table:**

Jen: Any talk about track and field? - Answer: can do something within your school but the staff is not available to host/organize a board-wide event.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm**

May 3, 2022 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

*Cynthia Allen*

*June 14/2022*

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Executive Signature

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Date

## Appendix 1: Financial Summary and Commitments

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

	<u>May 1, 2022</u>	<u>(Last meeting) Apr 2, 2022</u>	<u>(Last year) Jul 31, 2021</u>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Lunch Programs</b>			
Revenue	3,206	0	0
Expense	-2,004	0	0
<b>Total Lunch Programs</b>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Other</b>			
Grants	500	500	1,150
Other Revenue	211	111	442
Purdys Revenue	1,012	1,012	706
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>2,298</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Interest, bank charges	22	22	33
Miscellaneous	0	0	910
School - activities	283	350	-140
School - books & equipment	2,713	2,713	3,005
School - greening	0	0	81
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>3,018</u>	<u>3,085</u>	<u>3,889</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-93</u>	<u>-1,462</u>	<u>-1,591</u>
<b>Available funds, beginning of year</b>	<u>9,388</u>	<u>9,388</u>	<u>10,979</u>
<b>Available funds, end of year</b>	<u>9,295</u>	<u>7,926</u>	<u>9,388</u>
<b>Reconciliation</b>			
Balance per bank	11,463	8,276	9,388
Balance per PayPal	0	0	0
Outstanding cheques	(283)	0	0
Outstanding deposits/receivables	100	0	0
Cash On Hand	19	0	0
<b>Commitments</b>			
Hot lunch	(2,004)	0	0
School Equipment	0	0	0
School Activities	0	(350)	0
School - Greening	0	0	0
<b>Available funds, end of year</b>	<u>9,295</u>	<u>7,926</u>	<u>9,388</u>