



MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

1000 Valin St, Orleans, ON K4A 4B5

June 14th, 2022 – Meeting via Google Meets

6:30-8:00pm

Meeting called to order: 6:37 pm

Attendees:

Cynthia Allen, Jennifer Tracey, Mireille Filion, Lisa Briscoe, Amanda Hope, Crystall Matheson, Elitza Palazov, Lysanne Darmody

Regrets: Barb MacIntyre, Brenda Beaudoin

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Hope

Welcome & Introductions *Cynthia Allen*

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

Approval of May's minutes May meeting minutes approved. All in favour.

Principal Report *Mireille Filion & Lysanne Darmody*

A detailed report regarding the latest school news was presented:

Mireille Filion (Principal):

Still looking to hire 40% music teacher and hiring process for EAs still ongoing. No retirements but Mrs Fundytus will be leaving. Kinder team had a visit with the new students coming next year since there are no intake days anymore. Kinder classes are sitting at 24 for next year, so far.

Teaching staff will have PD Day on Oct 7 for training of the new report card system.

Want to get the milk program up and running again next year.

Report cards available June 29. Parents will need student's OEN number. Grade 7-12 students will be getting access to their report cards, as well.

Dress code: as long as it does not contain hate speech or violent, discriminatory messaging, it's ok. Most students this doesn't change anything but a few students are pushing the boundaries a little. Does make it status quo across the board so it is easier for teachers to manage.

Leaving ceremony on the 29th. Encouraging masks but won't be asking them to wear (expecting 200 people). Not providing food or drinks for guests, just pizza for the grads. Grade 8s are doing a field trip: movies and bowling on the 27th. School paid for the buses.

Regular maintenance will be happening during the summer. Solar panels are being removed as the roof is being repaired. Upgrading the fire alarm system.

Lysanne Darmody (Vice-Principal):

Grades 3 & 6 have been writing EQAO. Grade 3s went first and it went pretty well except for the system being down for the first 3 days. Assessment was a bit shorter: 4 sections with the longest being 35 minutes. The language was done by hand, the rest on computer. Grade 6 is happening now and everything is on the computer.

Dibels training is happening for some teachers. It is a literacy program board wide for primary students. Gives some good baseline data for planning in the coming years. More English resources will be coming and hopefully for French as well. Also continuing with Lexia, a supporting literacy program.

Q: Cynthia - What is the class breakdown for next year? A: It's pretty similar to this year. Some classes are right at the max but the board won't reorg until the fall. There is a new housing development close to the school but no idea how it will affect enrollment yet.

Q: Are there many students (6-8s) leaving to go to St. Peter Secondary School? A: Only one is leaving that we know of.

Chair Report: Cynthia Allen

Welcome Back letter - Send out in September? Used to do this pre-Covid

Reserving library for next year - the board asks councils to fill out the community use of school property. Will reserve the library to prepare for next year.

This year and last year, the first council meeting was not in Sept. There is a municipal election in Oct and would like to have a chance to meet the candidates for trustee, so something we need to consider when planning for our first meeting.

Draft annual report - due in the fall

Received positive feedback for the Scientist in the Schools evening, gave out 84 science kits. Three of the 4 sessions were almost completely full. Great to do something like this in person again.

Crystall - All my kids enjoyed it, even my grade 6 who didn't want to do it at first

Q: Crystall - Are there any little activities for the end of the year? A: Not for everyone because we were just told in April we could do field trips and only if it supports the curriculum so just going to the park, ect., are not being approved. Some classes will do their own little party but there is still no sharing of food.

Crystall - Kids going to grade 9 had a virtual tour but will there be an opportunity for the kids to go in before September? A: I think just the regular summer transition program for students with higher needs.

OCASC Update: *Amanda Hope*

OCASC was supposed to hold their AGM but there were not enough members so it's being pushed to the fall.

Wondering if OCASC is worth being a member of if they go back to charging Councils? Maybe it is different in person but there didn't seem to be much gained from attending. And there were only around 30-35 schools in attendance each month, which is not a lot considering the size of our board. Something to think about.

Fundraising & Communications: *Wendy Lim*

Wendy absent; no report at this time.

Financial Summary: *Jennifer Tracey*

Not a lot of change - some committed funds to hot lunch because they had to pay for pizza. Next (last) pizza day is tomorrow. Hoping to get back to weekly pizzas next year.

Committed to \$1000 for school year leaving for 8s but haven't received any receipts yet for it. School will pay for pizzas and decorations, looking to use some of the funds for the engravings on the plaques.

Cynthia - if ever need medals or plaques, just bring it to council.

Elitza - yearbooks arrived and they turned out beautiful

Financial summary needs to be done - will put it out to council via email

Will put out to an email vote to purchase a thank you for custodial and admin staff, \$25 gift cards - 5 custodial and 2 office - \$175 motion will be put forward, plus EA volunteer as well so \$200

***As we did not have quorum, an email vote was sent to council members:*

Motion: *To purchase \$25 gift cards for each of the 5 custodial staff and the 2 office staff members. The custodial staff has worked hard over the past few years to maintain a safe and healthy school environment for our students. The office staff always supports Council initiatives. In addition, this year there has been an Educational Assistant that has done a great deal of volunteering at the school. Most recently she completed the spring clean up of the front and back gardens including the butterfly garden. The total amount would be 8X\$25 + cost of Thank You notes = \$202*

Result of the vote: 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passed

Wish List:

No wish list this month.

Round Table:

Goodbye and Thank You to Elitza for all her hard work and dedication to Council and Maple Ridge over the years. She will be missed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

June 14, 2022 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Cynthia Allen

September 20/2022

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1: Financial Summary and Commitments

Maple Ridge - Parent Council Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation

	<u>Jun 12, 2022</u>	<u>(Last meeting) May 1, 2022</u>	<u>(Last year) Jul 31, 2021</u>
Income			
Lunch Programs			
Revenue	3,218	3,206	0
Expense	-2,011	-2,004	0
Total Lunch Programs	<u>1,207</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>0</u>
Other			
Grants	1,820	500	1,150
Other Revenue	211	211	442
Purdys Revenue	<u>1,012</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>706</u>
Total Income	<u>4,250</u>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,298</u>
Expense			
Interest, bank charges	28	22	33
Miscellaneous	0	0	910
School - activities	2,603	283	-140
School - books & equipment	2,713	2,713	3,005
School - greening	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81</u>
Total Expense	<u>5,344</u>	<u>3,018</u>	<u>3,889</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,094</u>	<u>-93</u>	<u>-1,591</u>
Available funds, beginning of year	<u>9,388</u>	<u>9,388</u>	<u>10,979</u>
Available funds, end of year	<u>8,294</u>	<u>9,295</u>	<u>9,388</u>
Reconciliation			
Balance per bank	9,861	11,463	9,388
Balance per PayPal	0	0	0
Outstanding cheques	0	(283)	0
Outstanding deposits/receivables	0	100	0
Cash On Hand	19	19	0
Commitments			
Hot lunch	(586)	(2,004)	0
School Equipment	0	0	0
School Activities	(1,000)	0	0
School - Greening	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Available funds, end of year	<u>8,294</u>	<u>9,295</u>	<u>9,388</u>