



# MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

1000 Valin St, Orleans, ON K4A 4B5

### March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Virtual Meeting 6:30- 8:00pm

**Meeting called to order:** 6:34 pm

**Attendees:** Amanda Hope, Pamela Dossett Boucher, Lysanne Darmody, Mireille Filion, Wendy Lim, Kelly de Angelis, Jennifer Tracey, Brenda Beaudoin, Crystall Matheson, Barb McIntyre

**Regrets:** Lisa Briscoe

**Minutes Recorded By:** *Amanda Hope*

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

**Approval of February's minutes:** Cynthia motioned to approve minutes with minor modifications to music instrument requests; seconded by Wendy. Minutes approved.

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

From Mireille-

- Continue to have more registrations; about 560 enrolments, currently.
- Projected numbers for next year sent to the board.
- Blues in the School last week – 4 concerts and some grades 7/8 practiced every day with the musicians. Will invite parents of those students for a little concert.
- Dance workshop pushed to the end of March
- March 22-24 – Jamal the Poet
- Field trips for winter: had looked at skiing for Feb/March but Vorlage was not able to accommodate. Booked some days for next year.
- 4 basketball teams practicing (int & jr boys/girls) Jr will be intramural – no tournament at this time
- Hot Chocolate House talent show grades 3-6. Show during the day and one for parents near end of March
- Mr. Elliot's poetry night will be in the spring for 7/8s
- Graduation pictures done last Friday
- Yearbook is being worked on by Mme Rousell
- June 27 tentative for graduation

- Math and literacy Tutoring program ends March 31
- Received school clothing order. Website is still active and can continue ordering throughout the year. Will keep it open for next year. Happy with quality.
- Received letter from city council trying to support the parking/traffic situation. School has sent many reminders to parents and will continue to do so. Bus loop is very busy. School is doing what they can. Will send home a paper flyer after the March break. Staff will discuss some possible solutions to alleviate congestion and direct parents to other areas to park.

**Chair Report:** *Cynthia Allen*

- We were awarded a Pro Grant for the topic of with food sovereignty. Heard from Growing Up Organic – they have never done a school but thought it was a great idea and are looking into putting together this program. Looked into cost of seed starting kits. Idea is to have an evening with students/parents to learn from this presentation, and plant their kit to take home. Suggested date of Thursday, April 27.
- Looked to invite new school trustee but the COW meeting happens the same day as ours. Perhaps May or June since our meetings won't align.

**Fundraising/Activities & Communications:** *Wendy Lim*

- Pizza day registration for next term opened this week
- Sales are great. Approx. 50 pizzas are ordered weekly this year which is about 10 more than pre-pandemic.

**Family Fun Day:**

- Held a first committee meeting: firetruck and Circus Delights confirmed. There are some games already in the storage shed

**Financial Summary:** *Jennifer Tracey*

- Only change is what we committed to spend last month. Commitment to Circus Delights is in but will sell tickets for the day so that will offset the cost.
- Have been able to support the school much more this year than the last couple due to limited revenue (couldn't have pizza days, other fundraisers, etc.)
- Parent Involvement Committee \$500 cheque is being sent directly to the school

**Wish List:**

- Nothing this month.

**Round Table:**

- Cynthia: Has someone spoken to Mrs. Dunn about family fun day? A: Yes, she knows and will plan the book fair for then.
- Wendy: Went to a board meeting of creating an atmosphere of belonging at school council and they touched on how to bring people into councils. Thinking of having a sort of Open House: Instead of a meeting, have light refreshments, informal meet and greet. Cynthia: Have tried this in the past; had the idea of parent representatives of different grades/levels; always have booths at Family Fun Day, parent-teacher night, Kindergarten info night.
- Pamela: What about a survey on what people are looking for from their council?
- Kelly offered to talk about council during the Kinder play at the park
- Can work on informing parents that they don't have to join council to participate; can attend meetings without formally joining.
- Will talk about a council open house (next year?) and little signs advertising Family Fun Day hosted by Council.
- First meeting of the year could be elections/drop in.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:16 pm

March 7, 2023 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

*Cynthia Allen*

*April 4, 2023*

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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>Mar 5, 2023</u>	<u>(Last meeting) Feb 5, 2023</u>	<u>(Last year) Jul 31, 2022</u>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Lunch Programs</b>			
Revenue	20,607	9,730	3,383
Expense	-13,199	-6,216	-2,115
<b>Total Lunch Programs</b>	<u>7,409</u>	<u>3,514</u>	<u>1,268</u>
<b>Other</b>			
Grants	0	0	1,820
Other Revenue	0	0	211
Purdys Revenue	1,126	1,126	1,012
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>8,535</u>	<u>4,640</u>	<u>4,311</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Interest, bank charges	19	17	33
Miscellaneous	0	0	201
School - activities	6,633	3,633	2,603
School - books & equipment	4,933	2,632	2,713
School - greening	0	0	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>11,585</u>	<u>6,282</u>	<u>5,550</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-3,051</u>	<u>-1,642</u>	<u>-1,240</u>
<b>Available funds, beginning of year</b>	<u>8,148</u>	<u>8,148</u>	<u>9,388</u>
<b>Available funds, end of year</b>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>6,506</u>	<u>8,148</u>
<b>Reconciliation</b>			
Balance per bank	10,285	6,351	7,965
Balance per School Cash Online	10,742	0	0
Outstanding cheques	(375)	(1,397)	0
Outstanding deposits/receivables	0	4,505	0
Cash On Hand	0	319	184
<b>Commitments</b>			
Hot lunch	(6,982)	0	0
School Equipment	(3,051)	(750)	0
School Activities	(5,522)	(2,522)	0
School - Greening	0	0	0
<b>Available funds, end of year</b>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>6,506</u>	<u>8,148</u>