



MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

1000 Valin St, Orleans, ON K4A 4B5

February 7th, 2023 – Virtual Meeting 6:30- 8:00pm

Meeting called to order: 6:34 pm

Attendees: Amanda Hope, Pamela Dossett Boucher, Lysanne Darmody, Mireille Filion, Lisa Briscoe, Wendy Lim, Kelly de Angelis, Barb McIntyre, Jennifer Tracey, Brenda Beaudoin, Cynthia Allen

Regrets:

Minutes Recorded By: *Amanda Hope*

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

Approval of January's minutes: Kelly motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Cynthia. Minutes approved.

Principal Report: *Mireille Filion & Lysanne Darmody*

From Mireille-

- Report cards go home Feb 15, electronically.
- Being given an extra class on the English side; opening a 3/4 class. There have been about 50 new registrants since the beginning of December.
- Wendy asked for a revised class list for pizza lunches
- Q from Pamela: What about Mrs. Belanger's English class? (There are up to 30 due to EFI 2s merging for Eng.) A: Allowed by the ministry and the board; would probably not get another class but if more students enrol could maybe get funding for staff support. Right now VP or LRT support the class.
- Q from Cynthia: Are parent volunteers allowed now? A: Yes, there are Math and Literacy tutors, volunteers, and co-op students helping out with small groups.
- **Proud To Be Me** grant: Mark Hatfield presentation for grades 3-8 on February 3rd; went very well and about 300 students attended and enjoyed it. Mark's presentation highlights perseverance, proper goal setting and confidence.
- Kindergarten evening last Thursday. Good turn out. Will probably host a Play In The Park the last week of August for staff to meet new students. Registration is ongoing.

From Lysanne-

- Triple ball finishes this week with a tournament tomorrow.
- Basketball beginning for intermediates
- Friday is the last day for the first bulk order of school clothing. Store will remain open but the discount ends Friday.
- Q from Kelly: Will we send out a reminder with the link attached? A: Yes, we will send out a message tomorrow.
- Swim to Survive is ongoing. Each grade 3 class goes for 3 sessions.
- Ms. Hamilton is starting a "coffee house" (talent show). Students will audition and put on an evening for the parents.
- Two, week-long workshops coming up: Blues in the Schools, and a dance workshop.
- Lot of frustration from the community due to road safety at drop off and pick up. School is doing everything they can on their end.
- Q from Cynthia: Is not the official drop off at the community centre? A: Yes it is.
- Will send out some reminders on the Facebook group about drop off/pick up zones and protocol.
- Q from Lisa: Why is there no crossing guard at Provence & Valin? A: Think it's because there's already a stop sign so cars have to stop whereas at Mulder, there isn't one.
- Cynthia will forward previous communications and comments regarding drop off to Lysanne.

Chair Report: *Cynthia Allen*

- Pro Grant has come up again; MR has always been able to get one. This year, the criteria is very different. OCASC is having a meeting Thursday and hoping for more information. Deadline is Feb. 20.
- Community Environmental Grant Program. Grant was used previously to create the butterfly garden. It's an application that needs to be partnered with someone at the school. Deadline is March 31. Could look at improving the garden.
- The board is doing a webinar on creating an atmosphere of belonging at the school council table, Wednesday evening.
- From Pam: Jeanne Sauve school has a terrarium; would the Pro Grant be able to be spent on that? A: It has to be something that includes the parents, not just for students.
- From Lisa: A gardening station program that the families can take home and continue at home with the information they received? Cynthia: looked at Scientist in the Schools but they don't seem to have anything along those lines, at least not on their website.

Fundraising/Activities & Communications: *Wendy Lim*

- Ordering over 50 pizzas every week. Been a lot of cash orders that have been added due to new registrants. Day-of sales have also been high.
- Jennifer: Heard we were short 2 pizzas; did that get worked out moneywise? A: Yes it's all been evened out.
- Fire truck booked for Family Fun Day
- Should vote on Circus Delights. Booked for May 25. Sub committee group met and changed a few things from what they normally get which increases the cost a bit. Delivery, set up and staff for inflatables. \$2625+hst=\$2966. Would get 10% of sales from sno-cones and cotton candy. **Motion to spend \$3000 for Circus Delights. All in favour.** Motion passed. Cynthia will sign the contract.

Financial Summary: *Jennifer Tracey*

- Got the cheque for the Purdy's: \$1126 was our take home. Round 2 of pizza was: \$10,876 giving us \$3900 profit. Guessing breaking it up into 3 terms as opposed to 2 is helping with parents ordering more.
- Cynthia: Thank you to Wendy for running Purdy's and pizza days.

Wish List:

- Music – school has spent \$4000 on replacing/repairing damaged instruments. Asking for \$275 to purchase 8 mouthpieces for clarinets and trombones, as the immediate priority.
- \$2000+ ask from the music teacher. Would like to purchase: 2 clarinets, 2 trumpets, 3 flutes, 1 sax as an ultimate wish list. Priority would be flutes from this list.
- Comment from Brenda: Musicare was considerably cheaper than Long & McQuade for renting.
- Q from Jen: Are you going to get a budget for music next year? A: School gets about \$2000 for repairs, reeds and can carry forward whatever is left over. If there is money left, can maybe buy an instrument or two.
- School is also looking for support for coverage for sporting events. Milk program used to help with some of these extras (but it's not running this year). Don't need a commitment now but looking ahead to track and field and would need a few busses so as many kids could participate as possible.
- Cynthia: I don't think council can help pay for staff but we could pay for the bus. Do we ask parents to help pay for the bus when it's a tournament? A: We did once when we needed 3 buses. We've been able to get parents to help by driving.
- Q from Wendy: Has the HST money from pizza sales been allocated? A: Yes, we are using some of that for sensory items in Kindergarten.
- Since not needed immediately, will put this request on hold for now.

- Jennifer proposes to spend \$1500 on music
- Wendy proposes the full amount requested **\$2301.00**. Seconded by Kelly. All in favour.
Motion passed to spend full amount requested for Music.
- Jen: Council tends to buy medals/plaques or engraving. Is that something that may be required again this year, and if so, can it be brought forward earlier rather than last minute? A: Should be okay for plaques but maybe just the small engravings.

Round Table:

- Family Fun Day committee will meet again for planning
- Suggestion from Pam re: Facebook Group – noticed the “heartfelt” messages get more reactions than regular notices. Maybe this would help the “parking situation” messages be received better. So if any of those kindness messages could be sent along to Pam to post, the community would probably really like it.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

February 7, 2023 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Cynthia Allen

March 7/2023

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1: Financial Summary and Commitments

Maple Ridge - Parent Council Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation

	<u>Feb 5, 2023</u>	<u>(Last meeting) Jan 8, 2023</u>	<u>(Last year) Jul 31, 2022</u>
Income			
Lunch Programs			
Revenue	9,730	9,730	3,383
Expense	-6,216	-6,216	-2,115
Total Lunch Programs	<u>3,514</u>	<u>3,514</u>	<u>1,268</u>
Other			
Grants	0	0	1,820
Other Revenue	0	0	211
Purdys Revenue	1,126	0	1,012
Total Income	<u>4,640</u>	<u>3,514</u>	<u>4,311</u>
Expense			
Interest, bank charges	17	14	33
Miscellaneous	0	0	201
School - activities	3,633	3,633	2,603
School - books & equipment	2,632	2,632	2,713
School - greening	0	0	0
Total Expense	<u>6,282</u>	<u>6,279</u>	<u>5,550</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,642</u>	<u>-2,765</u>	<u>-1,240</u>
Available funds, beginning of year	<u>8,148</u>	<u>8,148</u>	<u>9,388</u>
Available funds, end of year	<u>6,506</u>	<u>5,383</u>	<u>8,148</u>
Reconciliation			
Balance per bank	6,351	7,951	7,965
Balance per School Cash Online	0	0	0
Outstanding cheques	(1,397)	(2,994)	0
Outstanding deposits/receivables	4,505	3,379	0
Cash On Hand	319	319	184
Commitments			
Hot lunch	0	0	0
School Equipment	(750)	(750)	0
School Activities	(2,522)	(2,522)	0
School - Greening	0	0	0
Available funds, end of year	<u>6,506</u>	<u>5,383</u>	<u>8,148</u>