



# MAPLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Maple Ridge Elementary School Parents Council

1000 Valin St, Orleans, ON K4A 4B5

### December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – VIRTUAL Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

**Meeting called to order:** 6:32pm

**Attendees:**

Mireille Fillion, Jenna Anderson, Crystal Dillon, Cynthia Allen, Jennifer Tracey, Kelly de Angelis, Pamela Dossett, Crystall Matheson, Anu Kwatra, Yasmine Beukritly, Wendy Mak, Barbara MacIntyre, Mikhela Jason

**Regrets:** Amanda Hope

**Minutes Recorded By:** *Cynthia Allen*

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion to add discussion regarding Ottawa Robotics programming during the Round Table; Cynthia motioned to approve, all in favour. Agenda approved.

**Old Business/Approval of November 7<sup>th</sup> minutes:** Pam Dossett motioned to approve; seconded by Anu Kwatra. All in favour. Minutes approved.

**Principal Report (Appendix 1):** *Mireille Fillion/Jenna Anderson*

A slide show was presented to Council (Appendix 1)

**General Updates (Mireille Fillion)**

- New EA: Karen Maillet, Still have no ECE to replace Sarah Baptiste. Supply Teacher Abigail Kalan regularly returning to cover any absence for the 31 staff
- Maple Ridge has two DOT (designated occasional teacher) Mr. Fancy and now there is a second DOT, Abigail Kalan
- Maple Ridge currently has 533 students

**School Budget (Mireille Fillion)**

- At the moment, the budget for all OCDSB schools are frozen for any purchase over \$100 Expecting to receive the remaining 50% of the budget in January.

- Operating at a loss for most of field trips – the cost of the activity and the bus is expensive, some parents request refunds if their child doesn't go, a lot of students are opting out or just not paying, looking at increasing fees slightly or possibly gauging interest before booking the activity.
- \$240/ day to cover a replacement teacher when teachers attend sports tournaments, the cost last year was approximately \$4000, this year we are already at \$2500
- Another large expense is photocopy and printing paper. Last year \$17,000 on paper
- Exploring ideas for next year to balance the budget, an example would be to increase student levy next year.

#### 2022-2023 Parent Survey Results (Mireille Filion)

- There were only 66 responses received which equals 16% participation
- With so few respondents, it is difficult to say that the results accurately reflect the school
- Strengths (well-being) and weaknesses (intellectual engagement, parent engagement, diversity) were identified
- Well being, student-staff relationship, above Board average
- Parent engagement was identified as a challenge but some parents do not respond when given opportunities such as Parent/Teacher interviews. There was only 50% participation rate

#### 2022/2023 EQAO results overview (Jenna Anderson)

- Grade 3 students – % students at or above provincial standard
  - Math 54%
  - Reading 70%
  - Writing 70%

These results are approximately the same as results for the rest of the OCDSB grade 3 classes and the province for reading and writing. The math results are slightly below the Board and Provincial levels at 61% and 60%, respectively. The lower results could be because of digital format of the exam, delayed learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic  
25% of grade 3 students, English was not their first language.

- Grade 6 Results
  - Math 62%
  - Reading 89%
  - Writing 91%

By comparison, Maple Ridge grade 6 students are above both the Board and the Provincial results for all three.

#### School Activity Updates: (Crystal Dillon)

- **Maple Ridge Spirit Week**
  - Wednesday, December 6 - Festive/Ugly Sweater Day

- Thursday, December 7 - Red/Green/Plaid Day
- Friday, December 8 - PJ Day
- **Sock Drive Results** - 922 socks for the Ottawa Mission



- **Food Drive Update** - currently collecting until December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Gardening Tower and grow lights** have arrived (worms coming soon)
- **Meet the Keepers** - 3 workshops scheduled for January 16th
- **Lego Club** - still looking for donations
- **Student Inclusion Team (S.I.T)** - meets twice per week, group of ~20 Grade 6/7 students. Focus on cultural celebrations each month, creating Monthly calendar bulletin board (next to the Music Room). Will also work towards sharing information about the celebrations on the morning announcements.
  - Creating a Welcome Banner: equity ambassadors in languages for school – would like to create an 88X27” vinyl banner with “Welcome” written languages representative of our school community. At this time there are more than 30 languages spoken by our students/staff.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - huge success with over \$6,000 in sales!! That translates into \$1600 in new books for the Library and \$600 in cash to spend at a later date. Many thanks to “Gamma” Barb and her daughter Colleen for all their hard work and dedication.
- **R45A Habitat for Humanities Project** “What makes a home?” junior writing contest. Each student entry gives a \$10 donation to our local group. Students have started brainstorming by creating collages of what tangible and intangible things make their home a special place. Students are excited to both help out with their entries...and excited for the possibility of a grand prize – an ipad and pizza party
- **Maple Ridge Winter Sing-Along** Monday, December 18th - the whole school will participate. Some classes will present a song/dance.
- **Primary (Grades 1-3) Switcheroo Day** - Tuesday, December 19, various activities students will rotate in groups with Grade 8 leader
- **Sir Wil Band Concert** - visiting on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:30pm

**Chair Report:** *Cynthia Allen*

- PTBM Grant Application submitted. Results to be communicated by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Two presentations by Paul Davis, confirmed for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for grades 3-8.
- PRO Grant – Parent Reaching Out Applications due on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - \$750 for projects that promote engagement and collaboration involving parents, caregivers and guardians within our school community.
  - November 26 – email communication sent to Council requesting feedback and options for application

Cynthia proposed two options:

- Mādahòki Farm - <https://madahoki.ca/about-the-farm/> -[https://madahoki.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/madahoki\\_offsiteperformances.pdf](https://madahoki.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/madahoki_offsiteperformances.pdf)
- Indigenous Roots Orleans/Ottawa East

Council thought that a Family Math Evening would be a better option for the PRO grant, similar to the Jump2Math evening that Council organized in November 2016. Cynthia will reach out to Jump2Math to see if they are running programs in the Ottawa area.

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

- November 16<sup>th</sup> Movie Night – How to Train Your Dragon. Fundraiser for Food Bank. Well attended. \$500 raised for the Orleans Food Bank and 58 non-perishable food items collected
- Purdy’s chocolates – shipment arrived today, Tuesday, December 5. Orders to be sorted on Wednesday, parents to pick up their orders on Thursday and Friday of this week. Sold just over \$3000 for a profit of just under \$1000. Proceeds to financially support the Meet the Keepers presentations in January.
- Winter Pizza Ordering closes December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Summary Appendix 2:** *Jennifer Tracey*

Most commitments have been paid. There are two items that Council committed to pay that the final costs were slightly higher than what had been voted on.

- Council had committed \$1000 for the 2023 Grad & Yearbook. The final cost was \$1037, an excess of \$37.49
- Council had committed \$150 for the Primary Bubble Day last June 2023. The final cost was \$153.48, an excess of \$3.48.

The treasurer opted to pay these extra nominal amounts without a Council vote since several other commitments were below the amounts that Council had voted to spend, such as the Forest of Read books, drying rack, tables.

Vote by e-mail: Council discussed purchasing new 6-foot long folding tables at the October 3/2023 Council meeting. There was a sale at Canadian Tire for 6-foot heavy duty portable plastic & metal folding tables. The sale price was \$89.99. These tables are normally \$110-\$140 elsewhere.

An email was sent to all Council members on Thursday, November 9/2023 requiring a quick vote. To purchase 6 tables at \$89.99 plus 13% HST each, the motion was to spend **\$625**. Vote **YES** or **NO** by end of day, Friday, November 10/2023.

RESULTS: 18 Yes votes.....0 NO votes

Motion passed to spend up to \$625 on folding tables.

**Wish List:**

- Welcome Banner \$75. Motioned by Cynthia, Seconded by Kelly; All in Favor.
- \$575 – stackable stools to be used in the main foyer as a type of roaming classroom, most economical choice is from IKEA, MARIUS black, 45 cm stool.  
Motioned by Wendy, Seconded by Yasmine; All in Favor

**Round Table:**

Anu Kwatra brought forward the possibility of organizing an after school program facilitate by Ottawa Robotics. If Council is interested, the owner could attend the January Council and demonstrate the programming that can be offered. Council members were enthusiastic about the program. The administration is going to discuss prior to the January Council meeting.

As per Carpe Diem, school photos should be delivered to the school next the week of Dec. 11

Mme Seguin O’Hara initiated a project call the Flat Maple Ridge Student. The students color in a picture or a child and glue it to a popsicle stick. The Flat Student is mailed to different places around the world and photos are sent back to Maple Ridge. Years ago a Flat Maple Ridge Student went to the winter Olympics. This year, Mme O’Hara has received a photo of the Dahli Lahma with Flat Maple Ridge student!!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

December 5th, 2023 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

*Cynthia Allen*

*January 9/2024*

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Executive Signature

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Date

# School Council Meeting

December 2023



Staffing / School # : Mme Filion

New EA(pm): Karen Maillet

DOT: Abigail Kalan

Ferry on leave: James Waite

Hamilton on leave: Taylor Fryer

School population

Total: 533



## Budget- year allocation



Received 50% of our budget only 50% in January?

Supply: last year \$4000, this year already at \$2500 (covering sports/IPRC-IEP)

Paper last year \$17,000 out of a \$40,000 budget

We are in the negative for every field trip we have put went on this year! Price divided per child and children decide not to go! Idea?

## Parent/Guardian Survey 22-23



### Survey Results 22-23

66 reponses (16% participation rate)

Strengths= Well-being

Needs= Intellectual Engagement, Parent engagement, Diversity



# EQAO - 2022/23 Results - Ms. Anderson



## Who are (were) our 2022/2023 Grade 3 students?

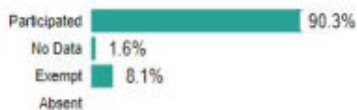
All Students

62

Fully Participated

56

Participation—Reading



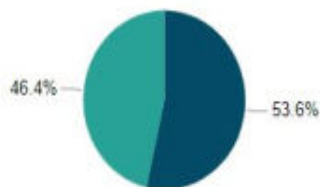
Participation Rate



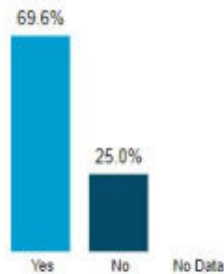
### School-Level Information About Fully Participating (FP) Students

Sex or Gender Identity

● Male ● Female



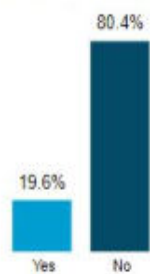
First Language English



ELL



Special Education (Excl. Gifted)



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# Grade 3 Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Maple Ridge

Mathematics  
**54%**

Reading  
**70%**

Writing  
**70%**

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Board

Mathematics  
**61%**

Reading  
**72%**

Writing  
**64%**

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Province

Mathematics  
**60%**

Reading  
**73%**

Writing  
**65%**

## Primary Division: Assessment Report

Grade  3  6

|                   |                           |                              |                                    |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Year<br>2022-2023 | Board Language<br>English | Board<br>Ottawa-Carleton DSB | School<br>Maple Ridge E S (129690) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|

[Click to view by Achievement level](#) [Click to View in Relation to Provincial Std.](#)

### School-Level Achievement Results

Reading—Participation

**56**

Writing—Participation

**56**

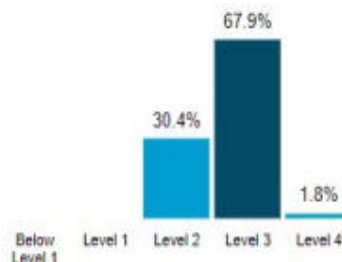
Mathematics—Participation

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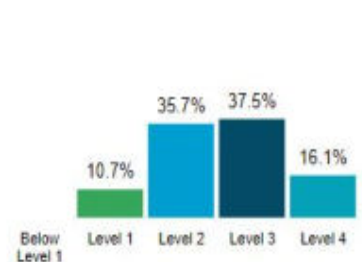
### Results by Achievement Level in Reading



### Results by Achievement Level in Writing



### Results by Achievement Level in Math

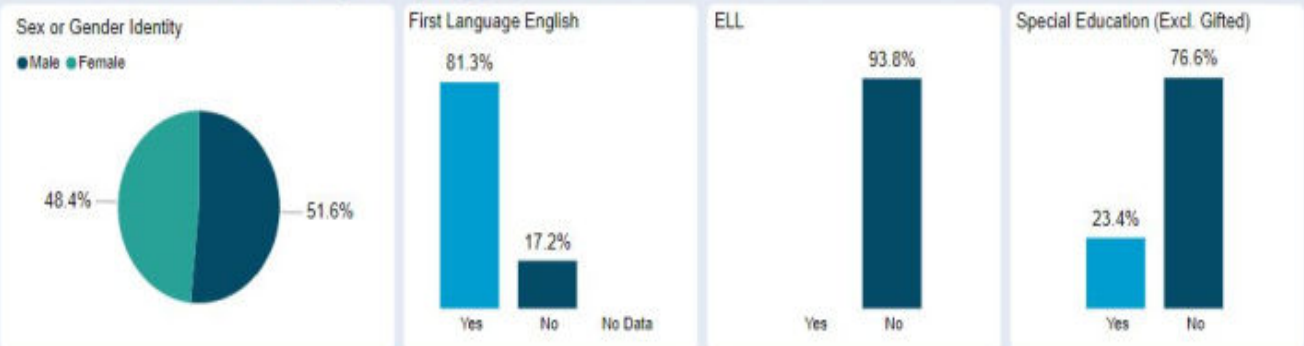


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# Who are (were) our 2022/23 Grade 6 students?



## School-Level Information About Fully Participating (FP) Students



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## Grade 6 Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

|   | Mathematics | Reading | Writing |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|
| <u>Maple Ridge</u>  | 62%         | 89%     | 91%     |
| Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year |             |         |         |
|   | Mathematics | Reading | Writing |
| <u>Board</u>  | 52%         | 84%     | 83%     |
| Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year |             |         |         |
|   | Mathematics | Reading | Writing |
| <u>Province</u>   | 50%         | 84%     | 84%     |

## Junior Division: Assessment Report

Grade  3  
 6

|           |                |                     |                          |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Year      | Board Language | Board               | School                   |
| 2022-2023 | English        | Ottawa-Carleton DSB | Maple Ridge E S (129690) |

[Click to view by Achievement level](#) [Click to View in Relation to Provincial Std.](#)

### School-Level Achievement Results

Reading—Participation

**64**

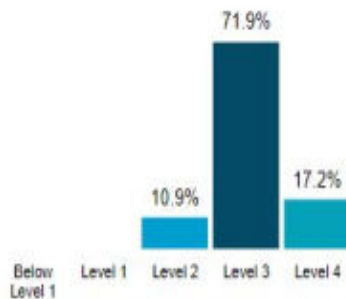
Writing—Participation

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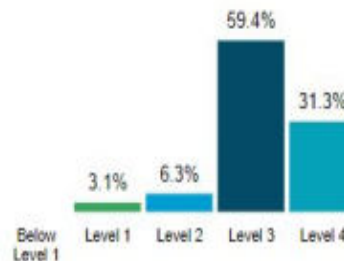
Mathematics—Participation

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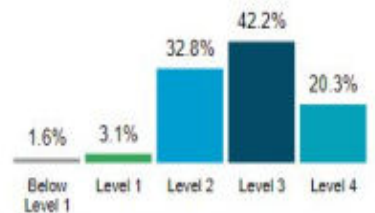
#### Results by Achievement Level in Reading



#### Results by Achievement Level in Writing



#### Results by Achievement Level in Math



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## Sports and Clubs - Ms. Dillon



- **Intermediate Volleyball:** Practices after school
- **Junior Tripleball:** Practices Tuesdays and Fridays at recess/nutrition break
- **Homework Club:** Weekly
- **Lego Club:** \*more donations needed\*
- **Gardening Tower & Grow Lights**
- **Student Inclusion Team (S.I.T) Update**

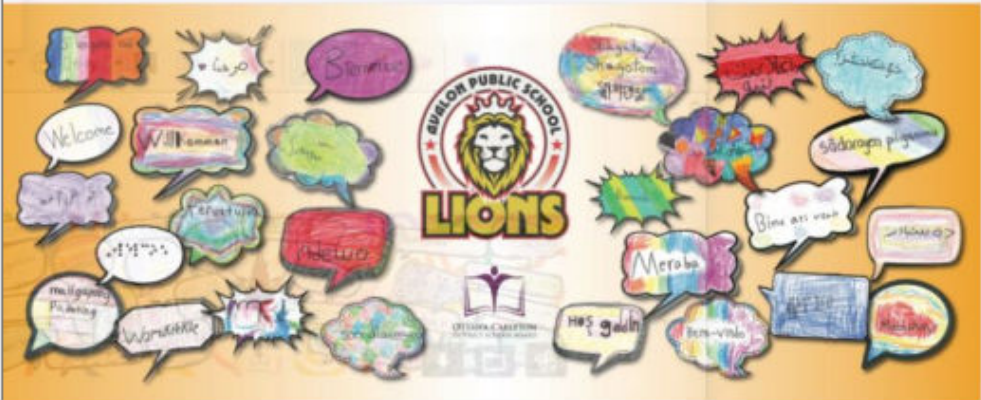


# Student Inclusion Team Initiative

(centralized calendar of celebrations and holidays; special focus on the OCDSB Multi-Faith calendar)



**Banner:**  
Size is 88x27" on vinyl with grommets.  
Printed through the student-run print shop at OTSS Cost \$55. (no tax)



## Other School Activities



- **Maple Ridge Spirit Week**
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  - Friday, December 8 - PJ Day
- **Sock Drive Results**
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- **Scholastic Book Fair - Huge success!!**
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## Appendix 2: Financial Summary and Commitments

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

|   | <u>Dec 3, 2023</u> | <u>(Last meeting)<br/>Nov 5, 2023</u> | <u>(Last year)<br/>Jul 31, 2023</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                             |                    |                                       |                                     |
| <b>Lunch Programs</b>                     |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Revenue                                   | 16,108             | 15,973                                | 37,604                              |
| Expense                                   | -10,567            | -10,523                               | -24,347                             |
| <b>Total Lunch Programs</b>               | <b>5,541</b>       | <b>5,450</b>                          | <b>13,257</b>                       |
| <b>Family Fun Day</b>                     |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Revenue                                   | 0                  | 0                                     | 11,262                              |
| Expense                                   | 0                  | 0                                     | -4,704                              |
| <b>Total Family Fun Day</b>               | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>                              | <b>6,558</b>                        |
| <b>Movie Night</b>                        |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Revenue                                   | 891                | 0                                     | 0                                   |
| Expense                                   | -915               | 0                                     | 0                                   |
| <b>Total Movie Night</b>                  | <b>-24</b>         | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>                            |
| <b>Other</b>                              |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Grants                                    | 0                  | 0                                     | 1,200                               |
| Other Revenue                             | 61                 | 61                                    | 0                                   |
| Purdys Revenue                            | 0                  | 0                                     | 1,126                               |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       | <b>5,578</b>       | <b>5,511</b>                          | <b>22,141</b>                       |
| <b>Expense</b>                            |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Interest, bank charges                    | 11                 | 8                                     | 33                                  |
| Miscellaneous                             | 0                  | 0                                     | 295                                 |
| School - activities                       | 1,378              | 1,414                                 | 6,743                               |
| School - books & equipment                | 2,319              | 2,216                                 | 5,283                               |
| School - greening                         | 0                  | 0                                     | 90                                  |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                      | <b>3,708</b>       | <b>3,638</b>                          | <b>12,444</b>                       |
| <b>Net Income</b>                         | <b>1,870</b>       | <b>1,873</b>                          | <b>9,697</b>                        |
| <b>Available funds, beginning of year</b> | <b>17,845</b>      | <b>17,845</b>                         | <b>8,148</b>                        |
| <b>Available funds, end of year</b>       | <b>19,715</b>      | <b>19,718</b>                         | <b>17,845</b>                       |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>                     |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Balance per bank                          | 16,422             | 21,648                                | 21,656                              |
| Balance per School Cash Online            | 15,892             | 15,892                                | 0                                   |
| Outstanding cheques                       | (1,128)            | (615)                                 | 0                                   |
| Outstanding deposits/receivables          | 0                  | 142                                   | 0                                   |
| Cash On Hand                              | 0                  | 0                                     | 0                                   |
| <b>Commitments</b>                        |                    |                                       |                                     |
| Hot lunch                                 | (10,523)           | (10,523)                              | 0                                   |
| Family Fun Day                            | 0                  | 0                                     | 0                                   |
| School Equipment                          | 0                  | (4,351)                               | (2,661)                             |
| School Activities                         | (948)              | (2,475)                               | (1,150)                             |
| <b>Available funds, end of year</b>       | <b>19,715</b>      | <b>19,718</b>                         | <b>17,845</b>                       |