



Maple Ridge Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016

6:35 – 7:45pm

Attendees: Natalie Makara, Nicole Guertin-Colverson, Will Dykstra, Cynthia Allen, Barbara MacIntyre, Jayson Brown, Tracy Murdoch, Shealee free, Tom West, Sarah ford, Micheline Lalonde, Crystall Matheson, Lisa Fortin, Kerry Harris and Elitza Palazov

Meeting called to Order – 6:35pm by David May

November minutes – are approved by Barbara MacIntyre and Cynthia Allen

Principal Report –

Council gifted the school a **total** of \$10,000. Four thousand was designated to pay for Scientist in the Schools programming as well as math flash cards. The remaining six thousand which was roughly the profit from the October dance-a-thon, was distributed fairly to the divisions based on student numbers. These funds were used for both electronics and items that were needed in the classrooms.

- Intermediate / Junior classes – are going to purchase chrome books and software that they need for their class
- Primary classes– will use their allotted funds and put it towards a guest speaker for their grades
- Kindergarten classes – purchased a light table, two coding caterpillars and 2 OSMO attachments for iPADS. These are rotating through the 4 kindergartens rooms

The OCDSB is currently reviewing the 'Elementary School Program Framework'. A message was sent to MR parents via email providing a link to the current reports as well as a link to a survey so that parents could provide their feedback. If you have the opportunity to fill out the short survey, it is due today, December 13. However feedback can be sent to the Board directly using the email address that was contained within the email message that parents received. Dorothy Baker, from the OCDSB attended the November OCASC meeting to discuss the ESPF review. Cynthia Allen shared that information via email with Council. The high level goal is to obtain equitable programing for all schools and students within the OCDSB.

Cynthia Allen – Chair report

- Rosita will be writing up a winter edition of the 'Council Corner' to be sent this December with a snapshot of what Council has done so far this year. This will share what the upcoming events are going to be as well.
- At the present time, we are done with fundraising for this school year, the exception being the family fun day in June. The goal is to have fun and not make a profit. Any profit from the FFD is an added benefit.

- Grants available through your employers was discussed – often people are not aware that this is something that they have access to through their place of employment.
- OCASC report –Susan Baker from the OCDSB discussed the upcoming ‘Complaint Resolution Policy’. Susan reviewed the policy consultation plan and asked for feedback. There is a process for parents/guardians to follow if they have any concerns/complaints about the education their child is receiving. The new policy will provide an outline of the proper steps to take, the first being to speak to the teacher and/or school administration. This will help support and resolve the concerns that are brought forward. This will be a policy change and it will be shared when it is finalized.
- Cynthia attended the *School Council Training Day/Parent Conference – Bridging Home & School* that was held on Saturday November 19/2016. The sessions ran from 8:30-1:00pm. Workshop topics varied: academic success, supporting your child in math, developing digital fluency, bullying prevention, managing emotions, social thinking, special education and technology etc.... Workshop presentations are posted on the OCDSB website - <http://www.ocdsb.ca/par/sc/Pages/SchoolCouncilTrainingDay.aspx> Despite being in the west end of the city, these seminars are very worthwhile. The topics are very worthy of your time if you have the opportunity to attend. The OCDSB continues to have a ‘Speakers Series’ providing parents with opportunities to attend interesting workshops throughout the school year.
- There was a survey that was sent out about the Jump2Math night that was attended by about 60 families. There was feedback given and there is still time to provide your comments about the evening. This event was funded by a PRO-grant. Feedback thus far has been positive. Most parents felt the evening was well done yet it could have been better organized. For future events, we will pursue a more structured activity. Overall, the concept of a math evening where the students play math games and are active while learning was well received. Cynthia sent off the information to the company with the feedback that people shared.

School Trips & Pizza Day:

- If there are any school trips or sporting events, Council would like to know in advance. This will allow us to better prepare. There have been several trips/events on Wednesdays this school year making it difficult to provide pizza to those students whose parents purchased the slices. There have been several pieces left over due to absent students.

Financial Report – Will Dykstra

- Reviewed the actual results for current and proposed spend.
- There is about 40K that is has been committed to the school to spend, largely going towards to the school greening project.
- We are closing out 2016 with a total of \$14,383.00 not spend or allocated for anything.
- Outside of the family fun day, there are no additional fundraising efforts being looked at this year.

Take away’s:

- Razz books for reading, there are reading, interactive and then testing afterwards. This is something that they were looking to be explored
- Book’flix was another option you can explore with your kids if you wanted to register and get an account
- We will have to ask Robin to make Pizza next week earlier – as they are having the assembly.
 - Barb will take that away
- Grad pics are being done by the same company who did the September class photo’s. They will be done in May, dates/times to be confirmed.

December 13th/2016 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1. (Wil Dykstra)

**Maple Ridge - Parent Council
Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation**
(as of December 13, 2016)

	Jul '16 - Jun '17	Jul '15 - Jun '16
Income		
Lunch Programs		
Revenue	10,871	24,282
Expense	-8,145	-13,929
Total Lunch Programs	4,526	10,333
Dance-A-Thon		
Revenue	6,133	12,898
Expense	-508	-522
Total Dance-A-Thon	5,625	12,178
Family Fun Day		
Revenue	0	7,378
Expense	0	-3,595
Total Family Fun Day	0	3,781
Entertainment Book		
Revenue	0	3,240
Expense	0	-2,182
Total Entertainment Book	0	1,058
Movie Night		
Revenue	0	0
Expense	0	0
Total Movie Night	0	0
Other		
Grants	1,500	4,000
Other revenue	0	843
Other expense	0	-203
Total Other	1,500	4,440
Total Income	11,651	31,788
Expense		
Donations, sponsor	0	1,500
Interest, bank charges	13	258
Miscellaneous	35	455
School - activities	4,845	2,889
School - books & equipment	8,247	14,838
School - greening	0	0
Total Expense	13,140	19,738
Net Income	-1,489	12,050
Available funds, beginning of year	15,872	3,822
Available funds, end of year	14,383	15,872
Reconciliation		
Balance per bank	58,243	52,822
Balance per PayPal	188	2,015
Outstanding deposits	2,000	3,280
Outstanding cheques	(1,003)	(9,278)
Commitment (School Yard)	(27,508)	(27,603)
Commitment (Activities/Equipment)	(12,935)	(8,344)
Future payments (hot lunch, etc)	(2,800)	0
Available funds, end of year	14,383	15,872