



Maple Ridge Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes January 17, 2017

6:35 – 7:50pm

Attendees: Natalie Makara, Nicole Guertin-Colverson, Cynthia Allen, Barbara MacIntyre, Tracy Murdoch, Micheline Lalonde, Crystall Matheson, Monica Reinvall, Elitza Palazov, David May, Robin Januska, Kristi Leblanc, Rosita McLaughlin, Emin Given, Kerry Harris

Regrets: Wil Dykstra, Shealee Free, Jennifer Tracey

Meeting called to Order – 6:35pm by Cynthia Allen

December minutes – Motion to approve - David May, seconded by Eliza Palazov

Principal Report – Nicole Guertin-Colverson

Kinder Info Night – Thursday January 19, 2017 at 7pm. Purpose of this meeting is to promote OCDSB, this will be the 3rd year we have held one. This is a generic meeting that is only board specific and we typically see about 25 people attend. A kinder meeting specific to those enrolled at Maple Ridge is held in the Spring, usually in May.

Kinder Reporting is now different. The Ministry of Education has put out a new template for teachers to use. Also of note, the kinder program is now known as kinder year 1 and kinder year 2, it is no longer JK and SK. It is a fluid program, by the end of the 2nd year students will have attained all kinder expectations and outcomes. Specific to this year, only 2nd year kinder students will receive a 1st term report, both 1st and 2nd will receive reports during the 2nd report term.

Junior and Intermediate students will participate in Winter activity days on Thursdays during the month of February.

Chair Report – Cynthia Allen

OCASC – the most recent meeting minutes report a Q and A discussion, rather than the typical presentation or speaker. To note, many parents at the meeting were unaware of the review form for the gifted program. All parents are welcome to provide feedback on this review. There was another note regarding parents' concerns over feeling their concerns were not being heard at the committee of the whole. MRSC chair would like to remind parents that Keith Penny is our Trustee and his suggestion is to go through your trustee when approaching the committee of the whole.

PROGrant – this is due in May, can be up to 1000\$. This grant is intended to be used to engage parents in enrichment activities related to their child's education. In the past we have done math nights, science nights. Mme. Colverson will look into Scientist in the school for an evening with families. Historically activities attract more participants than speaker series.

School Yard – someone needs to contact companies regarding permanent weed control, shrub control in the garden. Another suggestion was to contact local seniors homes and see if they might be interested helping with the garden. Tracy Murdoch will approach local nurseries with pictures of our current garden and solicit quotes.

Rocks and Rings – Curling Canada. They have come the past two years and last year we received 2sets of the equipment. They have approached us to book dates form this year. Mr. Searle will book the activity for the school. The school will absorb the 900\$ cost.

Hatch.ca – coding program. A parent approached Council asking about the program, we did know about it priority this question. Convent Glen elementary was featured in the Orleans star as a school that participates. Is this something we are interested in? We will look into it further. Another coding activity is coding for kids at the Mac store. It's free.

Razbooks – Razkids, its an annual membership based service more for primary students. Is this something teachers would like?

Ereaders – OCDSB has a deal with the public libraries. We as Council would have to get 5 library cards for students to use. We as Council would be responsible. Mrs Dunn is not keen on the idea, we will take a pass.

Financial Report – Wil Dykstra – See Appendix 1

Take away's:

Wish List: Board Games, we approved 400\$ to shop for used board games to boost the supply currently at school.

January 17th/2017 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1. (Wil Dykstra)

**Maple Ridge - Parent Council
Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation**
(as of January 17, 2017)

	Jul '18 - Jun 17	Jul '16 - Jun 18
Income		
Lunoh Programs		
Revenue	11,400	24,262
Expense	-6,499	-13,929
Total Lunoh Programs	4,901	10,333
Dance-A-Thon		
Revenue	6,133	12,698
Expense	-580	-522
Total Dance-A-Thon	5,553	12,176
Family Fun Day		
Revenue	0	7,376
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	643
Other expense	0	-203
Total Other	1,500	4,440
Total Income	11,954	31,788
Expense		
Donations, sponsor	0	1,500
Interest, bank charges	15	256
Miscellaneous	35	455
School - activities	4,846	2,689
School - books & equipment	7,740	14,838
School - greening	0	0
Total Expense	12,636	19,738
Net income	-882	12,060
Available funds, beginning of year	15,872	3,822
Available funds, end of year	16,180	16,872
Reconciliation		
Balance per bank	53,233	52,822
Balance per PayPal	915	2,015
Outstanding deposits	2,000	3,260
Outstanding cheques	0	(6,278)
Commitment (School Yard)	(27,508)	(27,603)
Commitment (Activities/Equipment)	(12,000)	(8,344)
Future payments (hot lunch, etc)	(1,450)	0
Available funds, end of year	16,180	16,872