



## **Maple Ridge Elementary School Council**

**Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2018**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Attendees:** Cynthia Allen, Barb MacIntyre, Marianne Harvey, Natalie Makara, Wendy Lim, Heather Peppy, Michelle Snook, Elitza Palazov, Wil Dykstra, Brenda Beaudoin, Jennifer Tracey, Rosita McLaughlin, Kristi LeBlanc, Micheline Lalonde,

### **Meeting called to Order**

- 6:40pm by Cynthia

### **November minutes**

- Motion to approve with minor amendments to the attendees list by Rosita McLaughlin, All approved

**Motion carried - Electronic Vote Results** –On November 21, 2017 Council voted to finance the purchase of 20 Chromebooks with a comprehensive 4 year replacement plan at \$260 each for a total of \$5200. The vote was issued on Tuesday, November 21 and a response was requested for end of day on Wednesday, November 22. There were 21 votes in FAVOR. No votes opposed.

### **Principal Report**

- SIP – School Improvement Plan – The Board moratorium on professional development has been lifted. There has been an increase in supply teacher availability therefore teachers will be permitted to attend development workshops. Support was renewed to help with the math strategies.
- February 16, 2018 is a PD day - Invited speaker Linda Barbetta –“Walk a Mile in my Shoes”. Linda is a consultant now but was the Executive Director of the Ottawa-Carleton Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association Ontario Carleton (LDAO-C)
- Staff Lead Professional Development –
  - Caroline Séguin is leading sessions on ‘Well Being’ and has instituted a ‘Grateful Journal’
  - Jodi Sabourin has organized the Literacy room and is working on a Math Resource room.
  - Kinder Team - Working on new report card assessment
  - Kathleen Hamilton – using a ‘News App’ for kids. The teachers are going to consult each other to see what other Apps are available and that work well with the students.
- Benchmark Assessment for Math – Currently there are no benchmarks for Math assessment. The equivalent in literacy would be the PM or GB+ benchmarks as a measure of student progress in reading. Since no benchmarks are available for math (numeracy) there is practice testing on-going, using older EQAO tests that are available on-line.
- OFIP – Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership – Tutoring programs for Students.  
Homework Help is free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers available to students in Grades 7 to 10 in all [English-language school boards](#). Students have access to live, interactive online math help funded by the Ministry of Education. This program is password protected and not available to the general public.  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/tutoring.html>.
- Designated Occasional Teacher (DOT) – Maple Ridge now has a designated supply teacher assigned to our school. The DOT reports daily to Maple Ridge regardless if there is a teacher

absent. It has been difficult to find supply teachers. The DOT is kept as a last resort and is not a 'scheduled' substitute teacher. If there is no need for an occasional teacher on a given day the DOT can assist with regular classes or perhaps another school within the region will require a supply teacher.

- Winter Activity Days for junior and intermediate students are Thursdays February 8, 15 & 22/2018
- Maker Space – There are now two teachers overseeing the Maker Space equipment. It is available to grades 2-8. There is a schedule on the wall for teachers to sign up. Each class has already rotated through twice. There was a lot of discussion on what could be purchased to add to the Maker Space. The Hatch Coding program has reimbursed Maple Ridge over \$600 that will be spent on technology. Suggestions included Lego Boost & Lego Robotics, virtual reality goggles or perhaps having a workshop with Ian Dudley, the Lego Guy.
- January 16/2018 is the Kindergarten Information Night. This is the evening that describes the process within our school Board. It is not specific to our school. In May there will be an information evening that will provide parents with schedules and information about the day-to-day programming.

### **Chair report**

- Council Corner Holiday edition – Council sent out a Holiday newsletter in December showing how busy we have been throughout the fall (Appendix 2)
- Financial Review – Jennifer Tracey completed the 2016/2017 review of MRES Council finances. No errors, miscalculations or misappropriations were found.
- Hatch Coding – Council took the decision to not run the program in the winter session but revisit the idea for a spring session.
- Purdy's Fundraiser – Was a great success with a little over \$2000 in profits. In addition, we received 8 gift cards of \$19 each that we will use in the raffle baskets and/or spring silent auction.
- Pizza Lunches – Robin Januska will not be able to organize the pizza lunches for the next academic year. Discussions about how to recruit a new Pizza Lady ensued.

### **Treasurer's Report** - Wil Dykstra (Appendix 1)

The revenue from the Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser had not been received prior to the January Council. The cheque was only received at Council, therefore Wil revised the financial statement on January 15/2018. The revised statement is attached to these minutes.

### **Wish List**

Motion to purchase an indoor curling set (Rocks 'n Rings) at a cost of \$550. All in favor. Approved.

The kindergarten team will be submitting a wish list for approximately \$550. The list of items will be forwarded via email.

### **Round Table**

Tonight was Natalie Makara's last Maple Ridge Council meeting. Mme Makara will be leaving Maple Ridge after serving as the vice principal for over 3.5 years. Council presented Natalie with a gift to show

our appreciation for all that she did for Maple Ridge. In addition, two books from this year's Forest of Reading were dedicated to Mme Makara. We wish her well at her new school.

Adjournment

January 14 /2018 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

*Cynthia Allen*

March 20/2018

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Executive Signature

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Date

Appendix 1.

**Maple Ridge - Parent Council  
Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation**  
(as of Jan 15, 2018)

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Jul '16 - Jun 17
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Lunch Programs</b>		
Revenue	11,908	22,857
Expense	-7,063	-13,626
<b>Total Lunch Programs</b>	<b>4,845</b>	<b>9,231</b>
<b>Dance-A-Thon</b>		
Revenue		6,133
Expense		-620
<b>Total Dance-A-Thon</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,513</b>
<b>Family Fun Day</b>		
Revenue		5,140
Expense		-4,266
<b>Total Family Fun Day</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>Movie Night</b>		
Revenue	1,090	5,140
Expense	-286	-4,266
<b>Total Movie Night</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Grants	1,500	2,178
Other revenue	856	184
Purdy's revenue	3,287	0
Purdy's expense	-1,389	0
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>4,254</b>	<b>2,362</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,903</b>	<b>17,980</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Donations, sponsor		900
Interest, bank charges	16	30
Miscellaneous	28	135
School - activities	1,500	5,524
School - books & equipment	8,724	19,593
School - greening		0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,268</b>	<b>26,182</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-365</b>	<b>-8,202</b>
<b>Available funds, beginning of year</b>	<b>7,670</b>	<b>15,872</b>
<b>Available funds, end of year</b>	<b>7,305</b>	<b>7,670</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>		
Balance per bank	16,514	15,375
Balance per PayPal	188	100
Outstanding deposits	1,897	0
Outstanding cheques	0	(2,448)
<b>Commitments</b>		
School Yard	(5,244)	(5,357)
Forest of Reading	(2,000)	
Hot lunch	(1,400)	0
Movie night funds	(600)	
PIP/Pro grant	(1,500)	
Other (Curling)	(550)	
<b>Available funds, end of year</b>	<b>7,305</b>	<b>7,670</b>



## **Maple Ridge School Council Corner (holiday edition)**

The Council has been very busy this fall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped with the many activities. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Book Fair:** The fall book fair ran again this year overlapping with the parent/teacher interviews. Students and parents look forward to the fair. Again this year, we sold over \$5100 in books. This means that Mrs. Dunn and Maple Ridge will receive over \$1500 back to fill the school's bookshelves!
- **Samko & Miko toy warehouse sale:** We partnered with Samko toy sale once again, where parents had the opportunity to shop and the school receives a small percentage from each purchase. We expect to hear in March with the final total, every bit helps!



- **Family Movie Night** – Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Maple Ridge families gathered in the gym to watch Despicable Me 3. The evening was a lot of fun and brought in almost \$800.
- **Purdys Chocolate Campaign:** The fall fundraising campaign was a smashing success raising over \$2000! Thank you to everyone that participated.
- **Technology in the School:** Through the success of the fall fundraisers, including the pizza lunches, Council was able to purchase **20 CHROMEBOOKS** for the school. The chromebooks are not designated to a single class. The teachers can reserve them for a period or two.
- **Hatch Coding program:** Council brought Hatch Canada back again this year to run the after school coding class on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the fall session. After a few initial hiccups, the students enjoyed a great semester.
- **OCDSB Parent Conference:** Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, Maple Ridge parents were invited to attend the Parent Conference sponsored in part by the school Board. The day passed quickly with several interesting workshops to attend in addition to the keynote speaker Dr. Karyn Gordon. Presentations can be found at: <https://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=2596065>.

- **Lunch program:** The Wednesday pizza lunch program continues to run. Incidentally, the pizza program is Council's biggest fundraiser of the year. Council brought back The Lunch Lady again this year. Lunches are available every Tuesday. This December we offered a special Holiday Lunch the last Thursday before the new year.

**Ongoing presence:** Council has been active through our monthly meetings. Meeting are open to all parents and guardians. Everyone is welcome to attend (our next meeting is on January 16<sup>th</sup>). Council was also available at the September Meet the Teacher evening as well as the November parent/teacher interviews. If you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us at: [mapleridgeschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mapleridgeschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

In the works for 2018:

- **Term 2 pizza orders:** Ordering will take place mid-January. We are always looking for volunteers to help out for roughly an hour on Wednesdays. Please let us know if you are able to give a hand.
- **Parent & Student workshop:** Through PRO grant funding, Council will be hosting 4 evening workshops in April and May for both parents and students. The evening will focus on learning techniques to control your emotions, relieving stress and building resiliency. Stay tuned for more details.

#### **Message from the Chair:**

Cynthia Allen is this year's MRSC Chair. On a weekly basis, Cynthia forwards a newsletter from the OCDSB informing parents of Board updates, events, including their speaker series (e.g. mental health, concussion management, etc...), and other Board details. You can sign up for the weekly School Council newsletters directly through the OCDSB by going to: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=1721901>. Select "School Council Newsletter". Alternatively, you can email our Council to have your name added to Cynthia's distribution list.

#### **Parent Resource Library:**

Over the last few years, School Council has collected a variety of resources for parents/guardians on topics such as anxiety disorders, autism, AD/HD, bullying, depression, divorce, effective parenting, emotional regulation disorder, internet safety and even Math (and how to help your child succeed). These resources can be borrowed from the school, any time, in room 125 (Fish bowl). To ensure confidentiality, Monica Reinvall, the Learning Support Teacher, is taking care of the resource library on behalf of Council. She can be contacted at [monica.reinvall@ocdsb.ca](mailto:monica.reinvall@ocdsb.ca). Parents are more than welcome to look through the books.

#### **On-going fundraisers:**

These year-long initiatives are not exclusive to the Maple Ridge school community. A portion of all sales come back to our school, so **feel free to forward the offers to family and friends.**

#### **Boston Pizza**

Maple Ridge is partnering with **Boston Pizza (3884 Innes Rd)** with an Earnback Reward program. The tiered system gives Maple Ridge a minimum of 10% of the bill total. Write Maple Ridge on the back of your BP receipt and drop it in the box at the host stand by the door. Families can raise money for our school and spend quality time together while eating at Boston Pizza!



### **Mabel's Labels**

High quality, durable labels “for the stuff kids lose”. They customize a large variety of labels – sticky, iron-on, large, mini, metal tags, etc.... Your order for personalized labels can be placed on-line and shipped directly to your house. Look for Maple Ridge Elementary School through this website: [www.mabelsfundraising.com/c/15993](http://www.mabelsfundraising.com/c/15993).

### **Home Hardware**

Parents, guardians, family or friends who make a purchase at the **Orleans Home Hardware (470 Charlemagne Blvd)** just have to tell the cashier that they are associated with Maple Ridge ES. A part of the pre-tax amount will be donated back to our school! No work is required at our end. So don't forget to mention our school.



We wish everyone a healthy, safe and fun holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2018! Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

