



Maple Ridge Elementary School Council

Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendees: Cynthia Allen, Barb MacIntyre, Marianne Harvey, Natalie Makara, Brenda Beaudoin, Keith Penny; Jodi Sabourin, Christi Barry, Sarah Ford, Robin Januska, Kristi Leblanc, Wendy MAk, Rosita McLaughlin, Micheline Lalonde, Elitza Palazov, Courtney Marshall

Regrets: Wil Dykstra, Jennifer Tracey,

Meeting called to Order

- 6:32pm by Cynthia

October minutes

- approved by Robin Januska, seconded by Kristi Leblanc

School Trustee Update (Keith Penny)

- Introduced himself
- Provincial initiatives
 - Opioid taskforce
 - Equity in education – Patrick Case (Assistant Deputy Minister)
 - Will affect principal, VP, performance measurements
 - Changing from Grade 9 to 10 to choose educational stream, ie. academic or applied. Thought is that grade 9 is too early to make the choice.
 - Cannabis legislation
 - School enforcement will fall to the school administration (principal and vice)
 - **Would like to be sure that no dispensaries or storefronts are in the vicinity of our schools
- Renewed emphasis on math
 - Teacher PD, coaches, experts in all schools, additional coaching support
 - No big changes in results expected for a few years
 - Curriculum review coming
- New OCDSB website with portals
 - Easier to use
 - Modern looking
 - School cash on line is being rolled out
- Parent conference November 18
 - Good sessions available
- Trustee Development session at new Gloucester HS
 - Amalgamation of Rideau HS with Gloucester HS
 - Students and staff were very supportive
 - New Lodge for indigenous students at Gloucester HS– very positive
- Trustee's role:
 - Elected every 4 years
 - Represent 70000 students and the interests of the school board
 - Meetings 3x per month
 - Board Budget, \$1B.
 - System takes care of academic performance of students
 - Make sure the students are taken care of
 - Elected voice for the students
 - Keith is responsible for 11 schools in his zone (Zone 8)
 - Help to solve problems

- Internet Problem (question came up)
 - Not just school-wide, but Board wide. Several schools experiencing similar problems when trying to access the internet at school (Cynthia)
 - Budget reductions in the past may have affected?
 - Keith will inquire with the Superintendent
 - Miss Marianne – Hatch Coding after school program
 - There were several issues for the first two weeks for Hatch to access the guest network
 - Board IT came to Maple Ridge right away – problem was solved for Hatch specifically
 - Technology in the school – lacking in hardware
 - Miss Marianne brought this up at Board level
 - Should be addressed at the Board level
 - Diabetes monitoring is affected for students
 - Guest network issue?
 - 5-year technology distribution plan announced by the Board
 - Dave Miller –Department Manager of the OCDSB Business & Learning Technologies
 - Discussed at principals’ meeting in previous week
 - \$12M allocated
 - All schools are to have a 4:1 student to device ratio over the next 5 years
 - Budget is determined by number of students, not age of school
 - Teachers to be supplied with Chrome books.
 - MRES will be getting technology in year 2 (currently in year 1)
 - Chromebooks for teachers coming in year 3
 - School Council is looking at purchasing a class set of chromebooks
 - 4:1 does not include any Council help
 - Miss Marianne is still encouraging Council support with technology

Principal Report

- BYOD – (Bring Your Own Device) – at discretion of the individual teachers; our students are very technologically literate
- Student Learning Plan; Well being Plan
 - Due November 17 to the Board – yearlong project
 - Math – focus is on Juniors – scores declined significantly
 - ‘Measurement’ strand was an area where scores were lower
 - Do students know how to write the test?
 - Does EQAO try to stump the kids?
 - New strategy – how to take the test
 - Looking for a tool that will help assess learning and provide a benchmark
 - PM Benchmark – when implemented for reading, made a difference in children’s literacy scores
 - No benchmarks for math
 - 5 strands of math – which do we focus on?
 - Use the pre-assessment strategy
 - Well being –
 - School Climate survey results
 - Students are comfortable and happy; no serious concerns; happy in the playground
 - One small blip – Children’s feeling of safety during transition times.
 - Need to go deeper in to the survey to find out why
 - Seems to be during transition time

- Teachers are looking at what safety means for the students
- Pilot program in EDP
 - The Art of Play (run by CHEO)
 - 8 parts running over 4 weeks
 - 6 children taking part
 - A teacher and an EA – “how to play” (not necessarily our staff)
 - If interested in the program curriculum speak to Miss Marianne
 - Kinders – Grade 3 students
 - January – similar type of program for Grades 4-6; another for Grades 7-8
- Remembrance Day assembly – well done
- Halloween – successful
- Progress reports went home – parent/teacher meetings are next week
- Scholastic book fair next week
- Last week’s principals’ meeting
 - Issues – behavior of children in the classroom
 - Not really a big problem at Maple Ridge
 - A major issue at other schools in K and Gr. 1
 - Self-regulation; mindfulness; behavior management system training (BMS)
 - Lack of supply teachers
- New Associate Director – Brett Reynolds (was Superintendent)
- Jodi Sabourin (teacher representative)
 - Sports teams
 - Grade 5 girls CC – regional banner
 - Tier 1 Junior girls soccer – silver medal
 - Junior boys soccer – gold medal and regional banner
 - Intermediate Girls football – gold and regional banner
 - Intermediate Boys football – Gold and Regional banner
 - Exit Outcomes
 - October – Globally Aware
 - Assembly – information given to all students
 - Intermediates looked at schools around the world
 - Primary kids learned some songs to share
 - Juniors – scholastic reading “Escape from War” - Syria
 - Me to We
 - Scare Hunger initiative
 - 1136 non-perishable items
 - Global initiative in March
 - 18 senior students went to We Day
 - MacSkimming trips
 - Several grades have gone, more to be planned
 - Grade 8 – guidance counsellors from Canterbury and Colonel By schools are visiting MR to explain programs to our grade 8 students
 - Mini enrichment
 - 33 students submitted requests, 30 spots available
 - Zones of regulation

Chair report

- Samko sale last weekend – Box available for collecting the receipts
- Purdys fundraiser – Last Purdys orders to be received no later than November 23rd

- Some volunteers will be available to tally cash sales at the Parent Teacher interviews
 - A vote was taken via email as to whether or not Council should go forward with the Prudys fundraiser. Vote was sent Oct 27 closed Oct 30.
 - 17 Yes, 3 No
 - Question was asked why a vote was needed if it was not to spend money. A discussion as to what activities the Council should or should not endorse as the Council is an extension of the school community.
 - Do not want to show favoritism
- Movie night – Friday November 17/2017
 - Water, juice boxes, popcorn has been ordered
 - Movie has arrived
 - Invite staff to bring their families
 - Custodial staff (Rick) will be ready with garbage and recycling
 - School will be locked
 - Float (need small money) - \$2 to get in. Concession is \$1.00
 - Friday highlights in kinder classes
 - Morning announcements
 - Volunteers - arrive at 5:45
 - Scott, Tamara, Cynthia, Christi, Elitza,
- Hatch coding
 - Extra week coming at the end; there was only on real cancelled class
 - Are we signing up for the winter session?
 - Council decided to take a break over winter
- Parents conference – Saturday, November 18/2018, workshop and registration information has been forwarded by Cynthia via email to council
- PRO Grant - \$1000 & PIC \$500 (Parents involvement Committee)
 - Building on the MindMasters2 program, Poppy DesCloud is creating a program for students and parents about building resilience, stress control, controlling emotions and anxiety
 - 4 Evening Sessions have been booked
 - Book on EventBrite
 - Up to 20 pairs per session
 - Will take place in the library
 - Booking April 12 and 19 (6:30-8:30)
 - May 3 and 14 (6:30-8:30)
 - Groups for each session will be based on student age. Kinders, Grade 1-3; Grades 4-6; Grades 7-8

Treasurer's Report

- \$1000 PRO Grant cheque,
- \$500 Parent Involvement
- \$201 cheque from Hatch

Wish List

- Yearbook club
 - Request for camera, student is going to write a letter to Miss Marianne
- Rosita to draft a letter to go out seeing if anyone wants to donate an old camera
- National Aboriginal Day (May/June 2018)
 - Might be interesting to create an event
- Technology

- Classroom set of chromebooks, Staff member to be a responsible party
 - What is the more appropriate item to buy? Chromebook; iPad, laptop
- Mr. Elliott – money for championship banners (to hang in the gym)
 - Jodi to ask him to send an email with costs
- Speakers for Smartboards
- Mr. Renaud will have some science requests
- Permanent soccer goal posts

Round Table

Adjournment
- 8:52PM

November 14 /2017 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

Cynthia Allen

January 16 /2018

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1.

Maple Ridge - Parent Council
Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation
(as of November 13, 2017)

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Income		
Lunch Programs		
Revenue	11,888	22,857
Expense	-6,896	-13,626
Total Lunch Programs	4,992	9,231
Dance-A-Thon		
Revenue		6,133
Expense		-620
Total Dance-A-Thon	0	5,513
Family Fun Day		
Revenue		5,140
Expense		-4,266
Total Family Fun Day	0	874
Movie Night		
Revenue		5,140
Expense	-286	-4,266
Total Movie Night	-286	874
Other		
Grants		2,178
Other revenue	178	184
Other expense		0
Total Other	178	2,362
Total Income	4,884	17,980
Expense		
Donations, sponsor		900
Interest, bank charges	11	30
Miscellaneous	16	135
School - activities		5,524
School - books & equipment	2,354	19,593
School - greening		0
Total Expense	2,381	26,182
Net Income	2,503	-8,202
Available funds, beginning of year	7,670	15,872
Available funds, end of year	10,173	7,670
Reconciliation		
Balance per bank	21,229	15,375
Balance per PayPal	188	100
Outstanding deposits	0	0
Outstanding cheques	0	(2,448)
Commitments		
School Yard	(5,244)	(5,357)
Forest of Reading	(2,000)	
Hot lunch	(4,000)	0
Available funds, end of year	10,173	7,670