



Maple Ridge Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2018
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendees: Christi Barry, Marc Laliberté, Marianne Harvey, Robin Januska, Jennifer Tracey, Wil Dykstra, Elitza Palazov, Heather Peppy, Michelle Snook, Amanda Hope, Wendy Mak, Cynthia Allen, Micheline Lalonde, Barb MacIntyre

Regrets: Rosita McLaughlin, Tamara Johnson, Brenda Beaudoin, Kristi Leblanc, Crystall Matheson, Courtney Marshall

Meeting called to Order

- 6:34

January minutes

- approved by Robin Januska, seconded by Michelle Snook

February minutes

- approved by Robin Januska, seconded by Wendy Lim

Motion Carried – Council voted to financially support the purchase of the items and activities listed below. For full details, refer to the February 13 Council minutes. Electronic voting was open Feb 22-25. 17 Council members cast a vote.

- 14 voted to financially support all 4 wishlist items
 - 15 votes for 3 items - minus Mathletes (2 No to Mathletes)
 - 16 votes for 3 items -minus Momentum Moves Dance program (1 No)
1. Mathletes - (\$2000)
 2. Blues in the Schools - (\$1000)
 3. Momentum Moves - Dance program (\$2000)
 4. Kindergarten items – Miscellaneous items (\$800)

Principal Report

- Mathletes – starts Mar 21, Grades 2-6
 - Mr. Ferry leading, met with teachers before March Break
 - All mixed into different groups, 10 per group, 2 days
 - Parent invitation sent by email March 19
 - Kids are super excited, very energetic. Lots of fun. Great for mixed grades
- Blues in the School – done
 - Always very popular within OCDSB
 - Many artists that came over 2 weeks.
 - Assemblies for the whole school, 8 artists, worked with different grades, more intensive with Grade 8s.
 - Last assembly, grade 8s performed. Almost every child had a solo.

- Level of expertise is very high. Teaches the kids what the blues are, on a kids level
 - 3 chords, what they do, historical significance, effects on other genres.
 - Kids are learning as they go.
 - Singing as well as playing
 - Comes to school every second year
 - Behind the scenes – kids were helping with setup and takedown as well. Technical aspects taken in as well.
 - Impacts all ages.
- Momentum Dance Program
 - Happens in April
- Kinder Wish List
 - Done, approved by e-vote February 26
 - Some items are in and already being used
- Lighting in front foyer
 - Taking out old pot lights, replacing with LEDs
 - Replace panels at the same time?
- Painting in hallway
 - Sponge painting is being covered. Will get a poster made up with words to school song and photo of the composer, a former MR music teacher who passed away.
- Kindergarten yard
 - In very poor shape
 - Marianne spoke to facilities person. Ed Kapsack.
 - Drain is not where it should be and continuing to flood the yard
 - Will come back in the spring to review the situation
- Breakfast Club
 - Open to all
 - 7:45 in foyer by the gym
 - Question raised - Can we donate?
 - Regularly has 25 kids
- Lockdown Practice
 - Went well
 - Was not a surprise, kids were aware
- Fire Drills
 - Coming in spring
 - This time will have an exit blocked
- Class reps
 - Spirit committees Grades 4 – 8
 - Meeting start March 22
 - Monthly spirit days

***discussion about broken bench

Chair report

- Pro Grant - Emotional Resilience Evening, in the library
 - Posters to go up
 - Poppy DesClouds is the workshop facilitator – relaxation and mindfulness
 - Based on MindMasters2 program that was previously offered by CHEO
 - Thursday, April 12
 - Kinders and parent
 - April 19
 - Grade 1-3

- May 3
 - Grade 4-6
- May 14
 - Grade 7-8 – If we don't receive a lot of parent response for this workshop, perhaps we can offer a day workshop to the older students without their parents
- Did not apply for 'Proud to be Me' grant this year
- Next Pro Grant – Application deadline mid-May
 - Scientists in the Schools – Cynthia has contacted SiS inquiring about their evening programming, Passed workshops have been Jump2Math, Science and Tech museum – Science Mobiles, Is there a possibility of having the Nature museum?, Art Museum?,
 - New suggestions? Send ideas to Cynthia
 - Workshops involving both parents and students work well, better attended than just presenters
- Hatch Canada
 - Spring session? New program, not just coding - Tech Leadership, Entrepreneurialship, Python Alpha
 - Same cost, they provide laptops. \$22/week for 6 weeks.
 - Wi-Fi is still not sorted out
 - Differed until next year
- Spring Fundraiser
 - Family Fun Day – date changed to May 31, due to provincial election on June 7
 - Calls in to Tumblers and Menchie's – Robin
 - Kathy Dunn is trying to change Scholastic Book Fair date to coincide with FFD
 - Will serve pizza
 - Draw for baskets
 - Basket per level
 - Cynthia to send out solicitation letter
 - Cake Walk
 - Fire Education, Sparky
 - Lionel – Boston Pizza
 - Fundraising
 - April 26 movie night
 - Yearbook committee to help
 - Setup/takedown
 - Tickets
 - Concession
 - Glow sticks
- Grade 8 Grad Photos
 - 60 kids
 - April 16
 - Carpe Diem

NEXT FALL: Grillmasters?

Fundraising - options

- Disaster Plasters
 - \$5 / box of 50 bandage
 - Cynthia to email Christi and Michelle

Treasurer's Report Wil Dykstra (Appendix 1)

- No big changes
- \$6000 for BITS, Mathletes, curling

Hot Lunch/Pizza

- Final pizza numbers have been given to River Pizza for Term 2
- Lunch Lady – numbers are consistent for both Tuesdays&Thursdays

Wish List

- None

Round Table

Earth Hour – Maple Ridge has designated Friday, March 23. Lights off 1:00-2:00

World Wildlife Fund – Green Challenges

http://support.wwf.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=fundraise_green&gclid=EAlalQobChMlx_HOh8uv2glVhLbACh0XvwtNEAAYASACEgKVXvD_BwE.

Adjournment 8:22

March 20th/2018 meeting minutes approved by MRES council:

April 10, 2018

Executive Signature

Date

Appendix 1

Maple Ridge - Parent Council Income Statement & Fund Reconciliation (as of March 19, 2018)

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Income		
Lunch Programs		
Revenue	23,645	22,857
Expense	-14,197	-13,626
Total Lunch Programs	9,448	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	1,090	5,140
Expense	-286	-4,266
Total Movie Night	804	874
Other		
Grants	1,500	2,178
Other revenue	856	184
Purdy's revenue	3,287	0
Purdy's expense	-1,389	0
Total Other	4,254	2,362
Entertainment Book		
Revenue	0	0
Expense	0	0
Total Entertainment Book	0	0
Movie Night		
Revenue	0	0
Expense	0	0
Total Movie Night	0	0
Total Income	14,506	17,980
Expense		
Donations, sponsor		900
Interest, bank charges	22	30
Miscellaneous	128	135
School - activities	6,500	5,524
School - books & equipment	9,250	19,593
Total Expense	15,900	26,182
Net Income	-1,394	-8,202
Available funds, beginning of year	7,670	15,872
Available funds, end of year	6,276	7,670
Reconciliation		
Balance per bank	26,361	15,375
Balance per PayPal	1,025	100
Outstanding deposits		
Outstanding cheques	(1,726)	(2,448)
Commitments		
School Yard	(5,244)	(5,357)
Hot lunch	(5,690)	
PIP/Pro grant	(1,500)	
Other activities	(5,550)	
Other equipment	(1,400)	
Available funds, end of year	6,276	7,670