

# Maple Ridge Public School School Community Council Minutes

**Monday April 15, 2024**

**Present:** (In person) Stephanie Price (Principal), Nadine McKoy (Vice-Principal), Lauren Irwin, Erin Smith, Sandrine Batonga-Danteu, Rob Maggs, Peter Ackie, Faye Ackie, Effie Vidinovski, Lindsay Bandini, Camille Borromeo Denbigh, Jenn Cooke, Victoria Scullion, Marsha Barret-Lehikoinen

**Virtually:** Amon Allaby, Kate Boyer, Jenn Bush, Vesna Liptrott, Paula Muir-Williams, C. Roach, Karen Thomas, Shernesia Wade

**Regrets:** N/A

Item	Notes	Action
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>• Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Indigenous Inherent Rights and Human Rights and Equity Statement</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Changes to Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended to include Rob's report from attending the Regional SCC Meeting on behalf of the Executive Committee</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Code of Ethics</b>	<p><b>All SCC Members shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in partnership with school administration to support school community</li> <li>• Work within the guidelines as outlined by Board Policy and Procedures 1219</li> <li>• Respect the rights and opinions of all members of the school community</li> <li>• Encourage, support, and value individual contributions</li> <li>• Support and apply an equitable decision making process</li> <li>• Focus on whole-community interest rather than a single issue</li> <li>• Respect and apply the principles of confidentiality and privacy</li> <li>• Be guided by principles of honesty, integrity, truth, and fairness</li> <li>• Practice exemplary ethical practices with all members of the school community</li> <li>• School community council members should adhere to clearly defined roles in order to maintain positive and productive discussions. This includes: Honouring the voice of all stakeholders and recognizing the advisory role of SCC</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 5 2023 Minutes</li> </ul>	Motion to approve: Moved: Erin Seconded: Lindsay
<b>5. Principal's Report – Stephanie Price &amp; Nadine McKoy</b>	<p><b>Teaching &amp; Learning – MRPS Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent Robinson Visit: Witnessed connectivity to the school learning areas of</li> </ul>	

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	<p>focus are evident from the front office through to all learning spaces (in various states); students positively and purposefully engaged in tasks; support staff and teaching staff were actively working with students to support them in their learning; students could articulate what they were learning and why; evidence of relevant and responsive learning on the walls and halls; staff are very invested in students; they are present with the students in their learning spaces; the connection between students and staff feel genuine; strong sense of community within the school; students were on task; increase of student grouping seating; evidence of curriculum connected relevant and timely student learning displayed in a greater number of learning spaces; resource staff in learning spaces supporting students; excellent use of community agencies and leaders to help with professional learning and supporting student engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rich learning and engagement in the February Staff Meeting</li> <li>• Identity Art in Portable 3</li> <li>• Grade 6 learning about the solar system</li> <li>• Primary Choir is going strong</li> <li>• Room 204 read "Most Perfect You"</li> <li>• Portable 3 Black Excellence in Durham Region; creating a Community Black Owned Business and operated Directory which is amazing! Click on the link for more info:  <a href="https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fpresentation%2Fd%2F1bNtADLYUOKNRji0jgzqGz8q96vukvw1Narx35UFukVs%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&amp;data=05%7C02%7C%7Cbb1cf587580547b8d41608dc5f107e97%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638489772009059751%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IjkihaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=0quqM%2BXpsWkG%2FjxE8385dFswZka6%2Fp2YzOgrEKCZEE%3D&amp;reserved=0">https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fpresentation%2Fd%2F1bNtADLYUOKNRji0jgzqGz8q96vukvw1Narx35UFukVs%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&amp;data=05%7C02%7C%7Cbb1cf587580547b8d41608dc5f107e97%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638489772009059751%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IjkihaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=0quqM%2BXpsWkG%2FjxE8385dFswZka6%2Fp2YzOgrEKCZEE%3D&amp;reserved=0</a></li> <li>• Student Leader reading "Sugar Cane" in Gr 4</li> <li>• MBA welcomed some guests who had everyone engaged</li> <li>• Grade 7/8 presentations on Financial Literacy and Budgeting</li> <li>• Culminating task in Room 114 with simple machines</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnering and Measuring in Room 202</li><li>• Portable 1 read "Emmanuel's Dream"</li><li>• Room 206 were sharing sources of joy inspired by Bell's Let's Talk Day</li><li>• Intermediate Basketball Intramurals</li><li>• Structured Literacy in Grade 6 FI</li><li>• Celebrating Lunar New Year</li><li>• 100 Day Celebrations</li><li>• Celebrating Family Day</li><li>• Celebrating Black Excellence in Room 201 on a graffiti wall</li><li>• Parents presenting about Black History Month in P6</li><li>• Spreading Kindness and learning about Pink Shirt Day</li><li>• Celebrating Identity and Diversity</li><li>• P1 &amp; P5 went to the Science Centre</li><li>• Shaving cream and science in P4</li><li>• Practicing for the Skills Competition in Gr 4</li><li>• Testing bridges in Room 228</li><li>• School Spirit is alive and well</li><li>• Celebrating International Women's Day</li><li>• Family History Projects in Grade 7/8</li><li>• Ballroom Dancing and Reading Buddies</li><li>• Gr 4 &amp; 7/8 students at Ontario Skills Competition</li><li>• Junior Girl Floorball champions in all of DDSB; thanks to Mrs. Nicholson for making a pennant commemorating the win!</li><li>• <b><u>Extracurricular Activities and so much more happening at School!!!</u></b></li><li>• Primary Singing Club</li><li>• SLAM</li><li>• Marathon Club</li><li>• Dance Crew</li><li>• Girls High Jump Tryouts</li><li>• Garden Club</li><li>• MBA Group welcomed and enjoyed conversation with former DDSB Principal Mr. Cousins</li><li>• Intermediate Basketball Intramurals</li><li>• Eid Celebration</li><li>• Mystery Readers in the house with the Primary Group; thanks to parents, intermediate students, custodians and guests for volunteering!</li><li>• Author Visit; Andrew Varga</li><li>• Literacy Circles</li><li>• Beach Day</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of Parent Involvement all around the school</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Professional Development</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 8<sup>th</sup> PA Day; Teacher presentations on Unlearn session;</li> <li>• Mr. Wilton &amp; Ms. Gouthro did Literacy Circles in class;</li> <li>• School psychologist presented about students with autism</li> <li>• Learning Goals, Success Criteria Assessment Loop</li> <li>• Research based strategies to improve student achievement; seeing an improvement since the dip post-Covid; using anchor charts; success criteria</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Facilities, Health and Safety</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed lockdown drill in the winter</li> <li>• Fire Safety inspection completed April 8<sup>th</sup> with positive results</li> <li>• Will continue to keep an eye on the creek as we get more rain</li> <li>• 3 more fire drills coming up in the Spring</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Upcoming</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cypher Conference - Apr 23</li> <li>• Burger's Priest Fundraiser - Apr 23</li> <li>• Gr 1 &amp; 2 trip to Willowgrove Farm - Apr 25</li> <li>• Empower HER Conference - Apr 30</li> <li>• Evening of the Arts - May 2</li> <li>• Ballroom Dance Performance - May 10</li> <li>• Grade 7&amp;8 Immunization - May 17</li> <li>• Grade 8 FI visit to Dunbarton - May 23</li> <li>• Ms. Brewing, Ms. Kaushik, Mr. Wilton's (Grade 5s) to Durham Forest - May 24</li> <li>• Victoria Day - May 20</li> <li>• EQAO - May 27- Jun 12</li> <li>• Great Beginnings - May 29</li> <li>• Maple Ridge FunDrive Final Drop Off Date at Value Village - June 1 (volunteers needed)</li> <li>• Next SCC Meeting – Jun 3</li> <li>• Wizard of Oz Play – Jun 18, 19 &amp; 20</li> <li>• Grade 8 Grad - Jun 26</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Regional SCC</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to Rob for attending the Regional SCC meeting which was the first in-person meeting since Covid; there was a lot of celebration and positivity; a lot of themes from the last few years from vendors of community organizations; more tailored physical health and mental health presence; lot of things around apprenticeship; Ontario Tech; Bullying</li> </ul>	

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	prevention; discussions about fundraising challenges with a shift in fundraising to partnering with businesses for commissions, etc.	
<b>7. Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjusted Cash Position of \$4,134.17 (Balance carried forward from 2022-2023 of \$1,161.03 plus Welcome Back Night of \$169.88, plus chocolate fundraising \$1,488.90, plus special lunches \$2,426.01, plus general fundraising \$120.31, plus Vandermeer Nursery \$413.04, less \$750.00 previously moved to Forest of Reading, less \$375.00 previously moved to Scientist in the School, less \$500.00 previously moved to the School Musical)</li> </ul>	Treasurer's Report Moved: Jenn Seconded: Peter
<b>Wish List</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 2s need Scientist in the School for \$300.00</li> <li>Grade 8 Graduation \$2500</li> </ul>	Moved: Jenn Seconded: Rob
<b>8. Sub-Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value Village Fundraiser; For drop off days to donate old clothes refer to flyer in parent email; Volunteers are needed for Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> to deliver all bags collected for final weigh in; transportation needed; Jenn will talk to Maple Ridge Convenience for U-Haul truck; can teachers send out a reminder on Remind app for more donations until then?</li> <li>Possible Community Fundraiser for Spring 2025 PRO Grant; WonderPhil; Fun Fair; Movie Nights; Halloween Candy purchase in the fall</li> <li>FlipGive is available if anyone wants to join the team and shop online: <a href="https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=XLFBRR">https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=XLFBRR</a></li> <li>Oliver's Labels: <a href="http://www.oliverslabels.com/mapleridgepublicschool">http://www.oliverslabels.com/mapleridgepublicschool</a></li> <li>QSP: <a href="https://shop.qsp.ca/collections/maple-ridge-public-school">https://shop.qsp.ca/collections/maple-ridge-public-school</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Moved: Jenn Seconded: Peter
<b>9. Next SCC Meeting Dates</b>	Future meetings with virtual option:	
<b>10. Items for Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jun 3/24 (last one for the school year!)</li> <li>We covered it all in the above!</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Request to Adjourn Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm</li> </ul>	Moved: Erin Seconded: Jenn