

Maple Ridge Public School School Community Council Meeting

DATE: Monday October 6 2025

ATTENDANCE:

In Person: Patrick Li (Principal), Daad Samaha (Vice-Principal), Amy Patel (Teacher Representative), Sandrine, Lindsay, Jenn C., Kelly, Effie, Victoria, Camille, Sacchin, Amon, Ben, Paige, Niki, Hannah, Suja

Online: Brianna Davidson (MRPS Staff), Y Dantreau, W Shernasia

Meeting opened at 6:40pm

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, ACTIONS & MOTIONS:

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Attendees greeted and thanked for their attendance.
- SCC was introduced to Mr. Li, MRPS' new Principal!
- In-person Attendees introduced themselves
- Meeting participants observed readings of:
 - Our Land Acknowledgement
 - Indigenous Inherent Rights and Human Rights and Equity Statement
- Members were introduced and/or reminded of ongoing commitment to abide by our Code of Ethics

2. 2025 & 2026 SCC Executive Committee

- Without objection, and by default, the 2025-2026 Executive Committee is as follows:

Role	Nominee(s)	Elected
Co-Chair	Lindsay	Lindsay
Co-Chair	Sandrine	Sandrine
Treasurer	Jennifer C.	Jennifer C.
Secretary	Paige	Paige

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3. Agenda Changes

- a. None requested

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting Minutes from June 2 2025 were approved as presented.
Motioned by Kelly and seconded by Victoria.

5. Principal's Report

- a. Mr. Li presented activities and events taking place in September and October including but not limited to:
 - i. Terry Fox Run raised \$3000!
 - ii. Junior Soccer Team placed 1st in tournament
 - iii. Cross Country, MBA, Volleyball Teams resumed
 - iv. Student Radio Club reading daily announcements
 - v. Identifying parent volunteers with completed background checks on file can be difficult for field trips, etc.
 - vi. Girl's Inc workshops for Grade 5 and 6 girls, with optional lunch program offered
 - vii. Approximately 600+ students currently enrolled

6. Co-Chair Report

- a. Sandrine presented detailed SCC Parent Feedback/Survey results.
- b. Feedback provided regarding 2025/2026 Weekly Newsletter format and preference to resume prior format (last year's format change as based on prior feedback from Parents)
 - i. **Mr. Li to review and adjust as appropriate**
- c. **SCC members are encouraged to review the DDSB SCC Handbook** available via the following link: [Durham District School Board School Community Council \(SCC\) Handbook](#)
- d. Recommended **MRPS Admin consider forwarding communication to parents encouraging them to pro-actively complete a Vulnerable Sector screen** should they wish to volunteer
- e. SCC Sub-Committees to be created:
 - i. Fundraising
 - ii. Communications

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- iii. Grants & Partnerships
- f. **SCC members are encouraged to sign up for Committees** using a Google sign up sheet that will be distributed.

7. Treasurer's Report

- a. Balance Sheet presented by Jenn Cooke
- b. 2024-2025 balance carried: \$2008.92
- c. \$500 to be allocated for Teacher Wish Lists (ie. "Fun Friday Crates" suggested by Ms Patel
 - i. **Formal allocation and purpose to be agreed to be discussed next meeting.**

8. Fundraising Update

- a. Presented by Victoria
 - i. Big Box of Holidays Campaign planned for Oct 27th- Nov17th
 - ii. Karate Night event suggested
 - iii. Calendar of Events

9. Discussion Items

- a. MBA is being overseen by non-Black Staff members who are part of Anti-Oppression Task Force
 - i. Sacchin recommended reaching out to Black teacher candidates
 - ii. Durham Black Educator Forum may be another resource
 - iii. **Paige to reach out to Pineridge Leadership Council Chair** to potentially identify a leader (providing volunteer hours for high school student)
- b. Discussed unstructured use of tech during classroom instruction time and benefits, purpose, etc. Are there guidelines, limits, etc?
 - i. **Ms Samaha to investigate further**
- c. Plans continue for Parent Lending Library launch, more to come on this topic
- d. We will continue to donate unclaimed pizza from Healthy Hunger//Dominos to DARS.

10. 2025-2026 SCC Meeting Schedule

- a. Future meetings to be held on the first Monday of the following months:

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- i. December 1
- ii. February 2
- iii. April 13
- iv. June 1

b. Next meeting to be scheduled for Monday December 1st

11. Meeting Closure

- a. Meeting Closed at 8:20pm. **Moved by Effie, seconded by Kelly.**