

Maple Ridge Public School School Community Council Minutes

Monday April 17, 2023

Present: Stephanie Price (Principal), Lauren Irwin, Kelly Williams, Paige Solakis, Rob Maggs, Sandrine Batonga-Danteu, Cheryl McKittrick, Erin Smith, Effie Vidinovski, Sharon Gomez, Erika Loney, Jacquie Chipman, Lindsay Bandini, Amonnie A, Mai Nur, Marsha Lehtikoinen, Mel McGill, Maria Ovtacharenko, Paula Muir-Williams

Absent: Kate Skelly (Vice-Principal)

Regrets: N/A

Item	Notes	Action
1. Welcome & Intros	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and introductions• Land Acknowledgement & Indigenous Inherent Rights and Human Rights and Equity Statement	
2. Changes to the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes noted to the Agenda	
3. Code of Ethics	<p>All SCC members shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work in partnership with school administration to support school community• Work within the guidelines as outlined by Board Policy and Procedures• Respect the rights and opinions of all members of the school community• Encourage, support, and value individual contributions• Support and apply an equitable decision making process• Focus on whole-community interest rather than a single issue• Respect and apply the principles of confidentiality and privacy• Be guided by principles of honesty, integrity, truth, and fairness• Practice exemplary ethical practices with all members of the school community• School community council members should adhere to clearly defined roles in order to maintain positive and productive discussions. This includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honouring the voice of all stakeholders• Recognizing the advisory role of SCC	
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 6, 2023	Motion to approve: Moved: Erin Seconded: Cheryl
5. Principal's Report –	<u>Teaching and Learning and Happening Around the School</u>	

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<p>Stephanie Price/Kate Skelly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month • Identity in FDK • St. Patrick's Day • Learning about Holi • Ramadan Lanterns & learning about Ramadan • Sharing a Ukrainian tradition – Pysanky egg dying • Math and Exploration in kindergarten • Take Action for Reconciliation • Lots of learning and inquiry around the school • Learning is always fun with Mrs. Gouthro in the library • Grade 7 & 8s DDSB Skills Ontario STEM Challenge • Egg drop experiments • School Spirit Week leading into March Break <p><u>Extra-curricular Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Dance Team • SLAM Team decorated for the First Ever Valentine's Dance • Wellness Club decreasing stress posters and Affirmations all around the school • Instrumental music • Junior Girls Basketball • Dance Crew • Co-ed Badminton Team finished as the best in school team of the tourney! • Primary Soccer • Marathon Club • Ballroom Dance is back in Grade 5! • Choir & Band – Shout out to Mme. Sadeek for teaching music to the whole school and she is rocking the tuba!!! • Garden Club in full force • Pink Shirt Day • Yummy Words in Room 107 • Guest Speaker for Primary Students Author, Mirelle Messier • Empower Her Conference for Black Girls; collaboration and leadership • Forest of Reading; intermediates leading with reading • Recess in the Spring went from ice to mud! 	
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	<p><u>Professional Learning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff was finally been able to get together for Building Collaborative Learning • Working on structured reading, phonics and literacy <p><u>Facilities, Health & Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work being done on the back brick wall hind the gym • Water fountains are back up and running • 3 Fire Drills to come in the Spring <p><u>Upcoming</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 27 at 6:30 - Junior/Intermediate Concert • May 4 at 6:30 Primary Concert • May 17 Grade 8 FI going to Dunbarton • May 1-3 Sewing Studio coming to Maple Ridge • May 29 – Second Clinic for Grade 7/8 School Based Immunizations • May 30 – Welcome to Kindergarten • EQAO - first 2 weeks of June • June 2 – PA Day • June 5 - Final SCC Meeting 	
6. Items for Discussion/ Comments & Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a calendar of events for extra-curricular activities so that parents and kids can be on the same page rather than having to check in multiple forums? Announcements are tweeted through Twitter for parents • Follow @MapleRidgePS • Kids are not allowed to participate in school activities without a permission form that outlines practice time and commitment; teachers often use Remind to create pages for communication with parents • School Climate Wellness Survey – how is it shared with the students at school? The teachers read through the questions with the students • Are we having problems with bullying at school and violent instances at MRPS? How is it being dealt with at the school level? Book an appointment with Mrs. Price to review DDSB Reporting Policy • What is happening with the portable 	

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	<p>and the library? Next year we will be losing a portable; numbers are not projected to be higher for next year; we will be down 1 portable with the MakerSpace available;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion of a School Calendar to list all of the activities happening around the school to be posted on the school webpage perhaps? • 	
6. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We an approximate cash position of \$3,199.98 • \$3,000 to be expensed for Graduation and \$900 pending Teacher Allocation review and confirmation with Mrs. Blanchet • Is there anything on the School's Wish List? Mme. Sadeek used money from the previous grant for instrument or do we need recess equipment? Some purchases were recently made for recess equipment and Mrs. Price will check 	<p>Treasurer's Report Moved by: Paige</p> <p>Seconded: Cheryl</p>
7. Sub Committee Reports	<p>Fundraising –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandermeer Fundraiser didn't work out in terms of timing; we will try again next year, but we do get a free pollinator kit for our Garden Club • Domino's Pizza info to follow for Tuesdays using a code for us to get a portion of orders • Moore's for Suits for Grad night <p>QSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report; but link will be shared again <p>Grant Writing Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report this period <p>PRO Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Engagement Night; 8-10 centres for families at the school to participate in mental health education; yoga; martial arts; salsa dancing, etc. • Save the Date for June 8 	
8. Set Meeting Dates for 2022-2023	<p>Future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 5 	
9. Request to Adjourn Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm 	<p>Moved: Paige</p> <p>Seconded: Erin</p>