

Maple Ridge Public School School Community Council Minutes

Monday June 1, 2020

Present: Jonathan Ross (Principal), Stephanie Price (Vice-Principal), Jessica Dillon, Peter Ackie, Jenny Callaghan, Jacquie Chipman, Lauren Irwin, Sandeep Kakan, Ruby Kakan, Crystal Leila, Melanie McGill-Manchulenko, Cheryl McKittrick, Penny Senior, Erin Smith, Naomi Omar-Ali, Heather Smyth, Effie Vidinovski, Kelly Williams, Marsha Barrett-Lehikoinen, Pamela Saunders, Ted Foster

Regrets: Janice Hummel

Absent: David Bates (You will be sorry you missed this one Dave!), Kate Boyer, Shereen Garseldin, Jennifer Cooke, Sharon Gomez, Kate Boyer, Heer Pasha, Utah Payne, Dasey Wangkhang Silva, Robert Maggs, Paige Solakis, Catharine Bouchard, Simon Rauch

Item	Notes	Action
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter welcomed all to the very first (and very successful) virtual Google Meet of the MRPS SCC 	
2. Changes to the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2, 2020 minutes approved 	Motion to approve Moved: Erin Seconded: Jacquie
4. Principal's Report – Jonathan Ross/Stephanie Price	<p><u>Distance Learning:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been quite the change that was unexpected by everyone. Overall, there has been a lot of adapting and learning by parents, students and teachers. Teachers are trying lots of things to try to keep kids engaged in learning; Screencastify, You Tube, etc. We can expect the DDSB to reach out to parents to get feedback on distance learning sometime this summer. 	

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	<p><u>Collection of Belongings:</u></p> <p><u>Retrieval of Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An email was sent out to parents about the plan that has been approved and put into place by the DDSB and Public Health Officials to divide the school up into zones for everyone’s health and safety.• Please review the email for full details to sign up for a time slot to attend to pick up any belongings in a safe and proper socially distanced manner.• Wednesday is dedicated to Grades 4-8• Thursday is for Kindergarten & Grade 6• Teachers have attempted to place the kid’s items in labelled bags on their desks to help facilitate parents and to streamline things for everyone involved.• There is a potential plan for items that do not get picked up; items will be placed in the gym, organized by class for parents to book a time to stop by and check it out, likely at the end of June.• If the school cannot follow through with that plan, the school will hold on to the items until September. <p><u>Return of School Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be green labelled bins for items to be returned at each entry way of the school and there is no appointment needed to return.• Please label items with the student’s name and homeroom.• Chromebooks: Gr 7&8 students will keep them unless they are not returning to a DDSB school	
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	<p>in the fall. If that is the case, there will be a time set up for Chromebook returns in June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The board is reviewing how to return the Chromebooks that have been loaned to students for the purpose of distance learning. <p><u>Graduation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been a few ideas approved by the DDSB and Health Department. They are looking at planning a virtual graduation ceremony to give out awards and to honor everyone’s hard work. Loot bags are being worked on to be given to the graduates sometime in the fall.• There was consideration made to having a traditional graduation ceremony in the fall, but the concern was that it may still not be allowed, and that the student’s hard work and acknowledgement would be overlooked by being cancelled or further postponed. <p><u>Report Cards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report cards will have Term 2 marks, and the challenge is that there will be a lot of incompletes on the report cards as there is not enough evidence to assess each child.• Marks can go up, but no one’s marks will go down based on distance learning.• What does it mean for next year’s grades? Everyone is in the same boat. Next year’s teachers will need to pick up the slack to build the skills to move forward.• We should all be cognisant of the fact that the kids will need more re-	
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	<p>engagement in the fall to adapt to the new normal, whatever that may be.</p> <p><u>District French Review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The FI review was put on hold for a while but is now underway again.• There was a link in the parent emails for the Thought Exchange that has been designated for parental input.• Follow the link to make your thoughts heard.• There are a lot of FAQs. <p><u>Recess Options for 2020/2021 School Year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The daily schedule will not change much.• Each morning and afternoon recess will be extended by 5 mins and lunch will be shortened by 10 minutes.• All of this is contingent on what happens in September and with any added recommendations from the Health Department concerning social distancing rules, etc. <p><u>Update to Student Dress Code:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DDSB has updated their dress code, following in the TDSB's footsteps.• Excerpt of Section 5.6 is attached to the Minutes hereto.• The DDSB will support children that want to wear masks in the fall, but we are not sure if wearing masks will be a requirement by the DDSB/Health Department.• Overall, the SCC does not like some of the new changes.• Schools can implement their own dress code, but there are protocols	
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	<p>to follow in order to implement this and it is quite a lengthy process.</p> <p><u>School Growth:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is one more anticipated junior FI Class and 31 classes in total.• There will be no new portables and we are completely tapped out for portables.• A class will be in one half of the library; there are plans to install a temporary wall to divide the library accordingly and it will be primary classroom.• This is temporary, pending the FI Boundary Review and decisions made for the 2021/2022 school year.• In terms of numbers, it anticipated that there will be about 20-25 new students, which is not much more than last year.• Total enrollment is expected be under 700.• Expect a Boundary Review Proposal for Jan/Feb for the 2021/2022 school year.• We cannot use any neighbouring schools for space.• The air-condition installation project was put on hold due to the lock down pending Public Health approval to recommence work. <p><u>Volunteer of Distinction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Bates has been nominated as the Volunteer of Distinction. Congratulations Dave!!! I told you that you would have missed this one! <p><u>Changes in Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ross & Mrs. Price get to stay put for the next school year. Thank	
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	<p>goodness because my heart cannot take any more this year!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Patel, Mrs. Gage & Mme. Dillon will be on maternity leave with their sweet little new babies. • Mrs. Ashbourne will be continuing maternity leave. • LTOs whose contract expires the end of June: Mme. McElwain, Mme. Monsour, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Lutfalla, & Ms. Murphy (Jamie Murphy) • Mrs. McCullum & Mr. Johnson are leaving. • Mrs. Simpson is retiring. Congratulations Mrs. Simpson and thank you for your many years of service! 	
<p>5.Treasurer’s Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximate cash position of \$9,231.02 • Plus unspent donation amount of \$5,670 (amount allocated to the school account that was not utilized due to lock down) • Gives a total Adjusted Cash Position of \$14,901.02 • Graduation amount of \$2,500 (previously allocated) • Can this amount be used for virtual graduation now? • \$2,500 could cover the whole cost for graduation. • Erin proposed allocating half of that to graduation instead of the full \$2,500 (Sorry Heather, but I tried!) • \$2,000 was previously allocated for the new projector project, but the school has not been able to complete this • However, this amount is allowed to be carried over and applied in the fall. • Carry over cap of SCC funds raised is eliminated for the current year under the current circumstances. 	<p>Treasurer’s Report Moved: Sandeep Seconded: Jacquie</p> <p>Moved to allocate \$1,250 to Graduation: Penny Seconded: Jenny</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things to consider going forward: more of the school budget will be allocated to things like soap dispensers/hand sanitizer/PPE etc. • \$4,420 left of SCC money donated to school to go back into SCC account for next year. 	<p>Moved to return the remaining allocated \$4,420 from the school fund back to the SCC account: Naomi Seconded: Penny & Cheryl</p>
<p>6. Sub Committee Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthy Action and Wellness: No update 2. Fundraising and Special Lunches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates since March SCC meeting. • Chocolate sales will not be done in the fall, and most likely not in the spring either. • Other fundraising ideas and initiatives are to be reviewed in the face of the current climate. 3. Social Events: No update 	
<p>7.Items for Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbooks: Thank you to Mme Dillon & Mme Allen for coming together so quickly to put it together. • The deadline to order yearbooks through School Cash Online was May 31/2020. • Is there any idea what September is going to look like? There has been much discussion of the potential future with regards to learning (e.g. partial online distance learning/partial in-class learning) pending further direction from the DDSB and Health Department. • Are there any ways to bridge the gaps for kids falling through the 	

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	<p>cracks? The school is trying to be very mindful of planning classes for next year and teachers are working together to help all the students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effie will look into wrapping up Mabel’s Labels fundraising and set up a new account with Oliver’s Labels in an effort to support a Canadian owned company and start fresh for the new school year. • Thank you to staff for all the hard work and how much we appreciate it all. • Peter says thanks for a great year and was happy to lead as SCC Chairperson. Good luck to you Peter as you move on to spread your time between high school and elementary school next year! 	
<p>8. Request to Adjourn Meeting</p>		<p>Motion to Adjourn at 8:18 pm Moved: Naomi Seconded: Penny</p>

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Schedule to MRPS SCC June 1, 2020 Meeting

5.6 School-level Student Dress Codes shall include the following content:

A) Appropriate Dress

Students must wear;

- Clothing which includes both a top and bottom layer
- Footwear

Students may wear;

- Any clothing that supports a human rights related need or accommodation
- Clothing (tops) that expose arms, shoulders, stomach, midriff, neckline, cleavage, and straps but will cover nipples
- Clothing (bottoms) that expose legs, knees, thighs, hips and expose waistbands but will cover groin and buttocks
- Any headwear that does not obscure the face, subject to human rights related needs and accommodations

B) Inappropriate Dress

Students may not wear;

- Clothing that promotes /symbolizes illegal activity (inducing gang activity) or drugs or alcohol or their use
- Clothing that promotes, symbolizes or incites hate, discrimination, bias, prejudice, profanity, pornography, incites harassment or bullying, threatens harm to the safety of self or others or that includes offensive (e.g. sexist, racist, homophobic, anti-Indigenous, anti-Black, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, etc.) images or language
- Clothing (tops) that exposes nipples
- Clothing (bottoms) that expose groin and/or buttocks
- Clothing (mask/scarf) that obscures the face (unless required to meet human rights related needs or accommodations)
- Undergarments as outerwear
- Transparent clothing that fully exposes undergarments
- Swimwear unless required for curricular or co-curricular approved activities

C) Health and Safety Dress Code Requirements

Students must comply with Health and Safety requirements for specific courses and/or co-curricular programs. Specialized dress requirements including personal protective/safety equipment occur in many classes/programs including science, physical education, technology and cooperative education.

Parents, guardians, and students must be informed well in advance, and individual needs will be accommodated by the school short of undue hardship.

In some special circumstances students may be required (or choose) to wear personal safety clothing (e.g. surgical mask) for medical reasons. Communication between the student, parents, and guardians and administration must occur for these situations.

For some special events, the school may allow students to wear a costume. The costume must not promote racial, gender, cultural or other negative stereotypes based on Human Rights Code grounds. Students still need to comply with the dress code requirements (refer to 4.5 and 5.6 A and B).