

# PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

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**04 FEBRUARY 2025 / 6:30 PM / [maple.creek.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:maple.creek.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)**

## ATTENDEES

Heather F., Laura C., Laura M., Alena K. Nav S., Linda L., Parina S., Shelly, Shehsad D., VP Sarah Carter, Principal Hema Parekh,

## AGENDA ITEMS (Chair/Co-Chair/School Admin)

### Land Acknowledgement

- Principal Parekh

### Agenda Approval

- Linda
- Alena

### Financial Report

- Current school council funds balance: **\$ 23, 623.93**
- Detailed account balance provided to council - Treasurer will review and discuss at the next meeting if required.
- Holly H. will prepare a budget spending document for School Council to review at the March Meeting.

### 2025 Council Meetings

- January 14 2025
- **February 4 2025**
- March 4 2025
- April 1 2025
- May 6 2025

## OUTSTANDING ITEMS (All Attendees)

- EQAO results - the discussion focused around low math scores for grade 6 students. The province is putting more money into the math program. The school has a math lead teacher. The school is making an effort to move away from worksheets and focus on “hands on math” . Staff will be going through the EQAO results and figure out where the weaknesses are with the students looking at the math initiatives for the year and the inconsistencies with classrooms.
- School Clubs/Activities Update - the Snowbirds Club will begin in February. There will be 4 sessions/workshops. One will focus on birdhouse building.
- Class placement forms - Principal Parekh referred to “learning partners” and said that teachers are allowed to choose who best works together when creating classes. Laura will look into the class placement forms (contacting the previous principal) and report back at the next meeting.

## 2025 FUNDRAISING DISCUSSION (All attendees)

- The Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser is planned for the week of Mother’s Day.
- The Krispy Kreme fundraiser is cancelled - the grade 8 students are doing one to raise money for their graduation

## OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION (All attendees)

- **Principal Profile** - Laura will look into getting a copy of the previous principal profile for the next meeting
- **MCPS Website updates** - Principal Parekh indicated that the website is not working and nothing is able to be uploaded at this time. She has put in a ticket with I.T. to have it fixed and hasn’t had a response.
- **June Meeting Cancelled- Principal Parekh** asked that the last meeting of the year be in May.
- **Petition** - Shehzad will put together a petition for parents to sign regarding the state of the outside of the school. Parents have repeatedly asked for the outside of the building to be cleaned up and manicured since last year and still nothing has been done. Hema will share by email an example of what can be used for the petition and forward along.

## MAPLE CREEK ADMINISTRATION UPDATES (School staff)

- **Teachers Report:**
  - **Maker space:** Ms. Torchia has set up the maker space in the library. Almost everything that was ordered has come in.
  - **Drama Club:** Mr. Gernstein is starting a drama club with the grades 6 to 8 students. They will be performing Alice in Wonderland on March 27th. They have 29 students signed up for the club so far. Parent council donated \$500.00 to the

club for costumes and set design. Alena and Laura offered to volunteer on the evening of the performance.

- **Principal & Vice Principal Report:**

- All clubs are moving forward: Drama club, maker space, Snowbirds and Club 123
- Technology is slowly being replaced in the school with 5 more classrooms receiving overhead projection systems. Nav had some concerns with the purchase of the projectors, as they are very costly to purchase and maintain. Nav will present an alternative product at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: **8:03pm**