

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

14 JANUARY 2025 / 6:30 PM / maple.creek.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

ATTENDEES

Heather F., Laura C., Laura M., Alena K., Holly H., Linda L., Teresa N., Dipti. M., VP Sarah Carter,
Principal Hema Parekh, Nav S., Preeti KJ., Mr. Brancato, Ms. Mezzatesta, Ms. Pokroy

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

Land Acknowledgement

- N/A

Agenda Approval

- Holly H.
- Laura C.

Financial Report

- Current school council funds balance: **\$ 25, 746.96**
- Detailed account balance provided to council - Treasurer will review and discuss at the next meeting if required.
- **\$2,107.71** was spent in December on a new portable PA system for the gymnasium for the school to use during events and performances.
- Holly H. will prepare a budget spending document for the School Council to review at the February Meeting.

2025 Council Meetings

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

OUTSTANDING ITEMS (All Attendees)

- Basketball hoop missing - Principal Parekh indicated the basketball posts and hoops will not be replaced until the tarmac work is completed - timeline is Spring 2026.
- Library book borrowing - The school has bumped up purchasing of “most popular” books. Students are able to check out books within their grade/age range. Administration requested parents to directly speak with the Homeroom teacher and Librarian for case by case review.
- Outside up keep - discussion deferred to next meeting

2025 FUNDRAISING DISCUSSION (All attendees)

- Teresa and Laura will look into a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser and report back at the February council meeting.
- Alena will look into Terra Cotta Cookie fundraiser and report back at the February council meeting.

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION (All attendees)

- **Principal Profile** - School Council would like to review the principal profile on an annual basis. Last year it wasn't completed by council. Council has requested to review it at the January 14th meeting. - **STILL OUTSTANDING**. Hema will forward council the profile from the previous chair from last year.
- **SIP information** - Council asked administration for an annual report to present at the June meeting on what has been completed for 2024/2025 on the schools improvement plan (SIP).
- **Temperature Threshold** - When the temperature reaches -18c students have an indoor recess. At -17c or -16c students would have a shorter outdoor recess and have the remaining inside. Council will discuss the opportunity for a winter coat swap at a future meeting.
- **PRO grant** - Teresa looked into funding available for a 6 to 8 week session of family yoga and stretching once a week in the evening starting in the spring. The program will be funded through the PRO Grant offered to schools for families. Council is currently looking for an instructor with help from teachers.
- **School Council Recognition** - SC has requested to be recognized on anything funded by the School council. This will show parents how their donations and efforts are being spent. All communications including social media posting done by administration, newsletter updates.
- **Principal Calendar Share** - Mrs Parekh suggested a timeline for emailing the agenda out to the school 2 weeks before the next meeting. As well as a newsletter insert for SC communications.

MAPLE CREEK ADMINISTRATION UPDATES (School staff)

- **Teachers Report:**

- **Robotics Club** - The school currently has 4 students in its new robotics club. The club meets at lunchtime recess and one day after school every week. Ms. Pokroy indicated that she would like to expand the club with assistance from school council funds. Council approved the purchase of 5 additional LEGO Prime Spike Kits to increase participation for Junior and Intermediate students.
- **Giving at the Creek** - Mr. Brancato talked about the huge success the giving at the creek initiative was where students donated to specific families in York Region over the holidays. Students brought in all kinds of gifts for families in need. The program will run again next year
- **School Clubs/Activities update** - Deferred to February meeting.
- **Concert Date/Structure update** - Deferred to February meeting.
- **Principal & Vice Principal Report:**
 - **Tarmac update** - The front driveway and parking lot will be paved over the summer. No date was provided for repaving the tarmac where students play.
 - **Group Norms** - VP Carter read and reviewed the 7 Norms of Collaboration
 - **EQAO** - Council had some questions regarding math low grade 6 math scores and have asked the Principal to report on what the school is doing to improve them moving forward. More discussion is required at the meeting in February
 - **Movie Night Fund Allocation** - Ms. Torchia will attend the February meeting to discuss the new maker space in the library that movie night funds are going toward.
 - **School Spending Requests** - Deferred to February meeting

Meeting adjourned at: **8:07pm**