

# PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

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**16 OCTOBER 2024 / 6:30 PM / [maple.creek.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:maple.creek.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)**

## ATTENDEES

Heather F., Laura M., Laura C., Alena K., Holly H., Linda L., Teresa N., VP Sarah Carter, Principal Hema Parekh, Nav S., Preeti KJ., Arjalika C., Haley U., Paul C.

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

### Land Acknowledgement

- Read by VP Sarah Carter

### Agenda Approval

- Holly H.
- Teresa N.

### Elections

- Chair - Laura C.
- Co-chair - Teresa N.
- Treasurer & Secretary - School Admin

### Financial Report

- Current school council funds balance: **\$18,344.37**

### 2024/2025 Council Meetings

- October 16 2024
- November 5 2024
- December 3 2024
- February 4 2025
- March 4 2025
- April 1 2025
- May 6 2025

## 2024/2025 GOALS & PRIORITIES (School staff)

- The school is interested in purchasing 3 projection systems at \$3000.00 each to upgrade technology in the classrooms
- Staff are looking for activities for students during indoor recess such as art supplies
- Staff are creating a STEM space in the library this year for students
- Currently selling cookies as a fundraiser to raise money for grade 6 musical instruments - looking for more mouthpieces for instruments
- The school was able to secure more lunch monitors this year than last year
- Staff are interested in building upon mental health spaces for students in the classrooms

## 2024/2025 EVENT DISCUSSION (All attendees)

- 2 event dates scheduled for 2024/2025:
  1. Thursday December 5th: Movie Night
  2. Thursday April 10th: TBD
- Parent council is looking for volunteers to assist on the night of the event for set up, serving pizza, working the snack table and take-down

## OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION (All attendees)

- Council is requesting that school staff explore an alternative, more affordable and flexible pizza program for the January term. The current food programs are all between \$8-10. The request is to offer a food option closer to last year's pricing at \$3 with flexible days
- Parents would like to see students attend more field trips this year
- Students would like to have softer balls to play with at recess
- Parent council members requested that the grade 4 students in the  $\frac{3}{4}$  split classes have the same lunch recess as the other grade 4 class (located on the second floor). Hema informed parents that it is an issue with caretaking cleaning an additional classroom during the lunch hour as they do not report to the principal and cannot be directed by her.
- Parents brought up concerns about the birthday party invitation ban. The Principal clarified that invitations are still allowed to be sent by students to the school. The Principal will send a communication to all parents clarifying that invitations are still allowed to be sent to school, where students are permitted to hand them out and should do so discreetly, without teacher involvement. Students should always consider the feelings of others when handing out invitations, and parents are asked to reinforce this message at home.
- Council asked what types of clubs and special programs teachers would be interested in supporting for students this year. A survey will be sent out to students to gather feedback and interests.
- The bags from last year that parent council funded for each classroom with balls for recess need to be topped this year. Some were lost or damaged

- Parents are encouraged to join the Parent Council Facebook group to collaborate and share ideas that support Maple Creek  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/PbbpxXvGj6HtkXDs/?mibextid=K35XfP>
- Parent council will follow up on outstanding items from last year at the next meeting (November)

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