

MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES:

A meeting of the Maple Leaf P.S. School Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present: Gord Wagner
Ian Malcolm
Barbara Lloyd
Jessica Cordner
Kim Taylor Reed
Christine Stafford
Cathy Richmond
Amy Johnson
Nathan Pickard
Beth Vincent

Absent: Vicki Jones
Matt Dodson
Chantal McCallum
Vicki Jones
Kerrie Jackson
Donna Macaulay

Chair Report

- minutes reviewed and approved
- CEC North School Council forum was attended by 6 MLPS Council members: topic was about mental wellness.
- The main speaker says she is available to come to our school for a planned event. She focused on how to train your brain to look at the positive. She suggested a 21 day challenge to try in your home.
- Barb suggests planning an event to have her speak at MLPS
- **Action: Gord to email Michelle and ask about availability.**

Admin Report

- See attached
- Gord shared a plan that YRDSB has been working on for School Improvement Planning. They are focusing foundational practices on 3 areas. Math, Mental Health, Modern Learning. He handed out a graphic representation of student feedback for how to improve

Ontario schools. Some key points: Individualized Learning, Tailored Learning, Practical Application, Technology.

- Modern Learning: deep learning, critical thinking, - when work is tailored to student interests.
- Board Improvement Plan coming out in February.
- Gord shared the presentation that room 2 submitted for a contest to win a trip to Ripley's Aquarium. They won! The teachers and school were able to work things out so that all kindergartners are able to go on Jan 14.
- Gord was approached to buy a 'buddy bench' for the kindergarten yard. Someone has given \$250 for the bench but it is not a quick process to go through the proper Board tenders.
- The school hallway has been painted and there have been small improvements ongoing.

Treasurer Report

- see attached
- The Financial Report is almost completely up-to-date.
- There have been deposits from the movie nights but Gord and Kim believe that Ms. Genno was going to keep the money that is earned to go with the snack cart funds. This has not happened yet. Ian will inquire about where the funds should be allocated.
- The budget shortfall is only at \$231.
- Ian noted that no expenses have been taken for this school year even though we have approved a couple of items.
- The final amounts do not include the \$1900 for the playground improvements. (not in budget)

Fundraising

- Kerrie is absent but relayed some information to Barb.
- Barb asked Gord if there is a date in April for the Dance-a-thon: week of April 11-15 is available (except 14th). **Action: Barb/Kerri will inquire with the dj company about available dates.**
- We will be going with the same company as the Dance-a-thon was a success last year.
- Council discussed possible dates for Fun Fair: June 21 or 7 are 2 potential dates.
- Hot lunches are going well. There are a lot of changes from the provider that weren't expected but the kids are enjoying the pizza quality. Subs orders were up originally but the numbers for the last round were a bit lower, likely due to the timing of the order requests (close to Christmas).
- Cookie dough was successful but Council discussed that it would be better timed to sell it around Thanksgiving next year.

Parent Outreach/Engagement

- Chantal is absent.
- **Action: Chantal should contact Gord about a possible event with Michelle for a talk about mental wellness.**
- Gord did speak to staff about (as requested by Chantal) coming up with ideas to help with parent involvement but has not had any feedback yet.

Playground

- Nothing new to report.

New Business

- Gord was inquiring about Board restrictions/limits for the number of fund-raising events. Barb said she will look into the policies and procedures to see if there are any limitations.

Next meeting to be held on February 9, 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.