

MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES:

A meeting of the Maple Leaf P.S. School Council was held on March 8, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present: Gord Wagner
Ian Malcolm
Barbara Lloyd
Jessica Cordner
Chantal McCallum
Donna Macaulay
Kim Taylor Reed
Cathy Richmond
Christine Stafford
Vicki Jones
Amy Johnson
Nathan Pickard

Absent: Beth Vincent
Matt Dodson
Kerrie Jackson

Review of Minutes

- approved

Admin Report

- see attached
- Term 2 IEPs coming in the next week
- Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Gullins are going to attend a health and phys-ed workshop to address sensitivity concerns about new curriculum and will inform the other staff members. There are very clear parameters for staff that provide guidance on new curriculum. Each grade has a letter that will go home to outline exactly what will be taught in the upcoming weeks. There will be a process if a parent wants to remove the child for that particular health/phys-ed period. For more information about these new changes, see the Board website.
- The flooding problem in the kindergarten area is being addressed this summer. The asphalt will be completely dug up, regraded and paved again.
- 13 trees were removed by the town from the school yard due to the Emerald Ash Borer
- MLPS sent 3 teachers to training as well as allowed 13 release days to allow them to bring new modern learning/math ideas and implement in the school.
- We have a half-time Performance Plus teacher that is currently implementing Google learning through Google Read and Write in the school.

- Ms. Samaha has made a request for Council funds to be able to bring another french entertainer to the school. It is \$600+tax for the presentation. Council voted and approved.
- **Action Item:** Gord will look up the max. amount that we can put in for the cost-sharing program.
- **Action Item:** Gord will bring the data to April meeting for Council to see the results of the student survey from last year.

Chair Report

- Barb shared some mail (ie. JumpStart)
- no new items

Treasurer Report

- see attached
- Ian is still working on recovering funds for NSF cheque.
- Most of the accounts in the report are up-to-date with accurate numbers though we are still waiting on info/debits for agendas and bussing to Ripley's Aquarium.
- Gord said that staff has spent the money that Council has allocated for gym equipment. Money will be taken from the account once it is invoiced.
- Council members are reminded to always use the green expense form (ask Anna) when expenses are to be withdrawn from Council accounts. These forms should be used anytime money is being paid by School Council.

Fundraising

- Kerrie absent
- The DJ has quoted \$750 for lights, DJ and dance motivator. Council approved the expense. The Dance-A-Thon can be booked for April 13.
- Kerrie would like to do the Fun Fair on June 21. Barb suggested we don't do the jumpy castles since they are expensive but maybe we could do a small bouncy castle for young (primary) kids, and a medium size obstacle course for older (junior/intermediate) kids.
- Action Item: Barb needs to discuss movie nights with Mrs. Genno so that it is clear who is responsible for organizing and collecting funds.

Playground

- **Action Item:** Gord will find out how much it would cost for the Board to install a bench.
- Vicki talked about 'Wolly Pockets'. It is a program that helps to grow food plants and they have a package geared for schools. She would like to investigate if this is something that could be brought to MLPS. Ian talked about options for watering during the summer to maintain the plants.

Parent Engagement

- Chantal inquired who we want to extend the invitation to for the talk on March 29 by Michelle Cassidy. Gord wants to invite the Dennison family of schools (ie. Alexander Muir, Pheobe Gilman)
- **Action Item:** Kim will send out the invitations to other schools on March 21.

- Chantal has continued to make calls to parents looking for volunteers in the school as teachers are now starting to request classroom help.
- Ms. Greenam has asked Chantal to assist with fruit distribution (apples/oranges) to students, starting after March Break.

New Business

- no new business

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting to be held on April 12 at 7pm.