

MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES:

A meeting of the Maple Leaf P.S. School Council was held on May 10, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present: Gord Wagner
Barbara Lloyd
Jessica Cordner
Ian Malcolm
Donna Macaulay
Kim Taylor Reed
Cathy Richmond
Christine Stafford
Matt Dodson
Nathan Pickard
Kerrie Jackson

Absent: Vicki Jones
Beth Vincent
Chantal McCallum
Amy Johnson

Review of Minutes

- approved

Admin Report

- see attached
- Kim has organized for some students who qualify, for technology support/accommodations to help them write EQAO
- letters to parents went out to students of grade 3 & 6 with an IEP, to ask what accommodations these students will need.
- Gord will be asking Chantal for a parent volunteer to help stuff envelopes on May 20 at 9:30
- Town of Newmarket would like to know if MLPS would like to keep Tuesday nights in the gym: Council agreed we should keep Tuesday nights for events, movies, etc.
- there will be timetables sent home to allow families to know when the new 'health' classes will be held. This will allow parents to pick up their children to if they don't want their kids to participate. (period 4)
- Gord Wagner announced that he will be retiring at the end of this school year
- Michelle Lewis is going on maternity leave next year and Carly March will not be returning (surplus)
- there are no other staffing changes predicted for next year.

Chair Report

- Barb said that schools are only allowed to use the Cost-Sharing program once a year (either spring or fall). Council should decide how we will use the money (about \$1200) that was left in the budget from the cost-sharing. Mr. Orr had requested money for OtterBoxes for iPads: Council agreed
- Ms.Scallize would like \$100 for the bus to take the Orf band to Canada's Wonderland; approved

Treasurer Report

- see attached
- Ms.Genno was working the movie night this year and the funds have been moved from the Council account into the snack cart account. Given the large cost of the license and renting the movie, Council and Ms. Genno will revisit the legalities of showing movies that we purchase/rent and not selling tickets to watch. We would have it as a dinner and sell pizza tickets. If we are going ahead with not selling tickets, we will need to cap the attendance so that it can still be shown in the library. The current license is valid until October 2016.
- Re-painting the kindergarten area may be able to come from the Playground maintenance budget.
- Gord will put the \$200 that was donated for a buddy bench into the Council account and we will use the money for a bench once we are able to get an idea of cost from the Board.
- Ms. Kimber and Ms. O'Brien have asked the staff for suggestions on how they would like to spend the money from the Sports Equipment budget. Council is still waiting to hear back.
- Ian suggests Gord ask for a quote from purchasing that might allow us to get an answer on the cost of a buddy bench sooner. **Action Item:** Ian to follow up with Gord to see if there is a response from Patrick about pricing of buddy bench.
- Vicki was asking (via text) about the painting of playground. We will have funds to bring in a company to paint it professionally. Council agrees to use up to \$200 towards the painting of the new asphalt in the kindergarten area after re-paving.

Fundraising

- Kerrie confirmed that Fun Fair will be June 21 starting at 4:30/5.
- Kerrie will find out what the price is for 2 inflatable games. We definitely want the bouncy castle, obstacle course and splash tank.
- There will be a henna table, Nathan will arrange the bbq, there will be a bake sale table, face painting, cotton candy and popcorn sold
- **Action Item:** Chantal to ask for volunteers to run tables and clean up.
- If there are any ideas for tables? Maybe drawing table, Lego table
- Barb reminded Kerrie that Gino's pizza offered a bouncy castle if the school ordered over 200 pizzas. **Action Item:** Kerrie to inquire about Gino's offer
- Kerrie went to a talk at the parent symposium called "Beyond the Bake Sale" and it compared how different schools have to fundraise very differently. It had a different look at how the students feel for not being able to 'support' the school. It made Kerrie look at fundraising in a different light. She suggested that we may want to give incentives based on grades or division that groups students together and doesn't single any students out.

Playground

- No new business

Parent Engagement

- Chantal not present

New Business

- The online payment system for schools will increase the costs by 3% for everything.
- This is the last official meeting of School Council. Barb will send out an email about a June social (hopefully June 14) with Council members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.