

MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES:

A meeting of the Maple Leaf P.S. School Council was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Present: Gord Wagner
Ian Malcolm
Barbara Lloyd
Matt Dodson
Chantal McCallum
Beth Vincent
Vicki Jones
Kerrie Jackson
Jessica Cordner
Kim Taylor Reed
Donna Macaulay
Christine Stafford
Cathy Richmond

Absent: Amy Johnson
Nathan Pickard

Chair Report

- Barb spoke to superintendent about what Council is allowed to be involved in for fundraising with the ongoing labour dispute. He asked that we be patient and as of today, the teachers are allowed to start resuming some tasks which allows Council to resume fundraising.
- Jessica has agreed to take on the Secretary position

Admin Report

- See attached
- Kim has asked several members to fill out a Nomination form again as some were destroyed.
- The MLPS Newsletter will start to be exclusively online and the link will be sent home for parents to view. This will take the place of handing out paper copies to all students. There will be hard copies kept in the office if anyone needs a physical copy.. As well there is a copy posted on the bulletin board at the front foyer.

- Ian has arranged 2 ski/tubing days, one on January 14 and the other on March 10. These are price break days that keep the costs more affordable. Gord did inquire about using the free busing that MLPS has access to but that is only available local trips.
- This year's Outdoor Education dates has passed but there is a small chance for a different opportunity later in the year.
- Kim has inquired about what information from the returned volunteer forms the Admin is able to share with Council. Council would like to contact these parents to direct them in being able to volunteer.
- A VSS (vulnerable sector screening) is only required for volunteers who will be alone with students. If a note is provided by the school, the cost for the VSS is only \$30.
- The Remembrance Day ceremony will start at about 10:45 and the community is welcome to attend.
- Redcap is a leadership/anger management program for boys that is currently running at MLPS. There are 8 boys in the program and there will be a graduation later in November.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be doing a mentoring program, one night a week for 8 weeks taking up to 20 boys ages 8-11. More information to come.

Treasurer Report

- Ian said Council has about \$8000 of funds from the last year although there are still some items that need clarification. Ian will send out the actual amounts once confirmed.
- Gord reminded Council that the Town of Newmarket gives \$1000 for gym equipment.

Fundraising

- QSP has been contacting Kerrie but Council has already agreed that we will not do the magazine sales this year. Council had previously discussed using their 'cookie dough' fundraiser. There is not a lot of extra work involved as QSP handles most of the admin. Council agreed that we should start this fundraiser soon so that the product can be delivered before Christmas. Council agreed. **Kerrie has asked for help in collecting and recording the QSP sales for the incentive gifts.**
- Kerrie arranged for delivery of 2 Gino's Pizza for Council to sample.
- Gino's would like to be our Pizza Lunch supplier. They are comparable in the packaging with individual boxes and they offer an approved 'pepperoni' option that is made from turkey meat. Council agreed that it tastes better than the supplier last year.
- Kerrie was asking about thoughts for another option for lunches. Some options that were mentioned are burritos, tacos, subs, pasta.

Council decided to get pizza lunch going then decide on the other. **Barb will call Mr. Sub to see if they can be set up to provide the alternate 'hot lunch'.**

- Kerrie mentioned that we also need to start to talk about basket raffles and poinsettia sales. Council agreed these should both go ahead again this year.
- Barb suggested we look at what funds we would like provide so that we can plan for fundraising.
- Barb asked if we could have an open house/ event so that we can encourage basket raffle sales and this could include a book fair as we have missed our fall one.
- Kerrie said that we may not start the movie nights as the license costs almost \$900 and we normally just break even with a full year of movies. Gord said that since movie night is a bit of a MLPS tradition, the school budget can help cover costs if necessary but we should keep it going if possible.

Parent Outreach/Engagement

- Chantal asked how we can find out about where volunteers are needed in the school. Cathy said that there are always opportunities to read with students and suggested Chantal send out the information to teachers explaining that there are parents that have expressed interest in helping. Teachers could then let Chantal know about specific jobs that could be relayed to the interested parents. **Gord and Kim will give Chantal the contact information of the parents who have expressed interest in volunteering/fundraising as soon as they are able.**

Playground

- Vicki inquired about who she should speak to about approved substrates for the outdoor kindergarten play area. Barb explained that it must go through the Board's approval process/approved contractors. Matt asked if we could buy some paint to do some updating ourselves. Gord said that we can certainly arrange this but it is also a possibility that the area is slated for major work and the painted areas may be torn up anyway. **Gord will inquire with the Board to see if there is any imminent updating slated for our kindergarten area.**
- Barb spoke about a 'Buddy Bench' that she saw in news. It is a place for kids to go if they are feeling left out or lonely and it allows others to see and recognize that the student needs some support.

New Business

- Traditionally, December meeting is a social at someone's house with . Matt has offered to host again this year. **Dates to follow.**

Next meeting to be held on January 12, 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.