



MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC SCHOOL

155 Longford Drive, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2Y7

School Council Minutes

November 14, 2023

Members in attendance:

Erin Cranney - Principal
Karen Mahoney - Vice Principal
Jairan Jahani -Treasurer
Jenny Cutting
Dale Fry
Becki Ann Plaskitt - Chair
Dimitra Pelekis -Vice Chair/Secretary
Jakob - Student Representative

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Erin read the land acknowledgments.

A brief introduction was held. Council members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Student Leadership Report:

Jakob told the council what the school leadership has been doing for the past month.

- Remembrance Day assembly
- Choir performed
- Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up on Nov 16 and 17.
- Game night -student leadership volunteered to host game night.
- Cookie and popcorn sales are still ongoing (dill pickle and salt and vinegar are most popular)
- There will be no sales of popcorn for the month of December, sales of popcorn are low
- Possibly want to look into selling powdered donuts. Erin said they would have to look into that.
- Cookie sales are popular so they will continue to sell them.

School Council Form:

- Active school travel is still going on.
- Jenny and Becki went to see if they could learn of other ways to fundraise (not informative)
- Support families where English is not their first language. Ways to do so maybe text in English translate to three first languages. There is a security protocol involved in doing so.

Quick Action Grant:

Scott St. Marie came to Maple Leaf PS on October 24, 2023.

- 24 families came out to the event.



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- 50 children
- “Milk, Cookies and a Book” was a good turn out as well.

Pro Grant:

- School council has to apply every year for this grant, which will then be approved by the ministry.
- If the council decides to apply it must be completed within the school year, approved and submit all of the receipts to be eligible for it.
- There is no application deadline for it.
- The earlier we get the application the better, we could consider merging with another school.
- Possibilities a speaker coming in
- Speakers are expensive, for example, Scott St. Marie cost \$1,000-\$2,000 dollars for his appearance.
- Jairan asked if there are any speakers that would come in and speak free. Erin advised speakers do not provide pro bono sessions.
- Other suggestions were a potluck dinner; have to be mindful of food restrictions if this is to take place.
- Karen to make a survey of what families would like to do. Volunteers at the parent teacher conference on November 16 and 17 will distribute the survey.

Fundraising Plan:

- Pizza lunch underway
- Gift card going out with the report cards
- Raffle baskets
- Ms. Kimber will help to supplement the gift baskets.
- School will provide 5 baskets in total.
- Becki said she will provided 3 baskets
- Rest of council would see what they could do.
- Becki suggested that we count the ballots to see how many baskets got what, to see if it is popular to not waste the money on the ones that are not so popular.
- Would give us an idea on how much each basket would cost and how much money each basket is getting with ballots.
- A \$50 dollar max donation out of our own pockets if we want to donate a gift basket.
- Council is trying to aim for (8) raffle baskets.
- December 19, is the Christmas raffle and concert.
- Leadership to run ticket sales, organize and sell raffle tickets.
- Ms. Kimber has stated that she is happy to put the raffle baskets together.
- Council to meet on Dec 5 at 1:00 P.M. to put raffle baskets together in the conference room.



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Fundraising Plan cont.

- Winter coat/community closet will be open on meet the teacher night
- Need a coat take a coat
- Coats for kids Salvation Army
- Lost and Found has a lot of stuff in it.
- Ms. Lilley will have coats out and if your child needs one please take.
- Dominos to have a pizza night portions of order go to Maple leaf
- Other hot lunch options to be asked in survey
- Council voted to change vendors for pizza lunch in the new year. Everyone was in favor of changing the vendor.

Budget:

- It will cost \$150,000 for a new playground. We will collaborate with the town to help with some of the cost for the park.
- Nicole who is the assistant manager of operations to help us out with this project indoor and outdoor. She is on maternity leave right now; we will wait two months for her to return so we can continue to get her help on this project.
- Feedback from the student as to what they would like
- Playground companies to help with mock playgrounds to help with ideas.
- Grade 8 Grad Trip
- Possible angel funds for families that cannot afford it.
- Outdoor play equipment, ex: balls, etc.
- Tech equipment ex: laptops
- Music program, instruments,
- Field trips

Important Dates:

- November 16 - Games night
- November 16 & 17 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- November 20 - Speaker and a Movie
- December 19 - Winter Concert
- December 25-January 5 - Winter Break

Next Meetings:

- February 6, 2024
- April 2, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- June 14, 2024



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Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm