



MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome and Introductions

Members in Attendance

Erin Cranney – Principal

Karen Mahoney – Vice Principal

Vanessa Gullins – Staff Representative

Jairan Jahani – Member

Becki-Ann Plaskitt – Member

Dimitra Pelekis – Member

Jakob – Student Representative

Jireh – Student Representative

Active School Travel Presentation

Reena Mistry (AST coordinator)

Andrea Stephenson (program manager Smart Commute North)

- York Region is funding partner
- Present high level results
- Shared Power Point

Asked the kids how they got to school 2x per month

From first year at MLPS we started at 58% to 65% (students using AST)

65% is still quite low – looking to make the number rise

Over past two years have been 8 different times and see changes in the seasons and an increase in vehicles

Back teachers parking lot was busy

Initiatives Summary

- Walk with mayor
- Find snowy
- Winter walk competition
- Jeopardy game
- Bike café



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- Earth day pledge
- Bike to school week launch event
- Cycling pop up hosted by Newmarket Cycles

This year want to keep momentum going

Shared 2023-2024 Active School Travel calendar

Looking if there are any parents that would like to be on the committee for Active School Travel

Talked about closing the back school parking lot to increase safety

Erin is meeting with Plant on Friday to talk about the back parking lot and a crossing guard

21% of families are parking in the red zones

Would like it mentioned that there are holes in the sidewalks due to construction

Karen M. - Read Land Acknowledgement

Student Leadership Team Review

IWalk (October 4)

- Parents and teachers walked to school
- Approximately 20-30 walked
- Students were given stickers

Colour Day

- Student leaders went to classrooms and judged who wore the most colours

Purple Shirt Day

- October 19
- Bullying against LGBTQ2S+ (announcements on the PA, family and staff weekly, posters)

Cookies and Popcorn

- Sold for \$2.00
- Movie night – sell popcorn and cookies
- October 24 (Scott St Marie presenting – parents to speaker and kids to movie)
- Those that come have pizza and a movie



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- Speaker 60 minutes plus questions

Leadership team consists mostly grade 7 and 8 but have some grade 6 students

Review of School Council Norms (placed on the table)

School Council Elections

- Advisory and outreach
- Develop a sense of community

Positions Available (Karen described the roles of each position)

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Must have at least four meetings a year

Meetings are public with written notice and minutes are taken

First Call for Members

Three members applied to be a member of MLPS School Council (

Election Results

Chair (Becki Anne Plaskitt)

Secretary/Vice Chair (Dimitra Pelekis))

Treasurer (Jairan Jahani)

Review of Revised Policies and Procedures

Shared Google Form questions as a group

Shared School Council Handbook with all Members

Agenda Item for next meeting

What can we do to improve School Council membership?

School Playground



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Organizing a meeting with the Town of Newmarket to discuss fundraising for a new playground
The existing playground has around three more years before it has met its lifespan

Fundraising

Dimitra works at Pizza Pizza and Mr. Sub and shared they would like to be involved in lunch days

Erin will look at the existing contract to see if we are locked in for the year

Karen talked about how lunch programs can be triggering for some

How much money did pizza lunch raise last year?

Why did the school stop offering sub lunches?

Student leadership - survey to ask students/parents what they would like if another lunch was added

Gift Card – If you purchase a gift card then a percent goes to the school. Becky Anne to organize.

Raffle Baskets - Winter Break (Suzzie Ingram, Alycia Kimber to coordinate)

-Becky Anne will ask for donations for Raffle Baskets

-will send donation letter to all council members

Winter Concert

Beginner band play a couple songs

Calendar of Events

Becky Ann shared that perhaps we share the whole school calendar with families for the year and share that it is tentative

January 19th Domino's Pizza/Pizza Pizza Family Night

April - Cobbs Bread Event – Run by School Council

April - Movie Night – School Council

Questions asked about snack cart – Can we look at adding more snacks and what makes more of a profit?



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In the spring - Becky Anne could make custom water bottles...Jacob we would want to make money off

Up-Coming Meeting Dates

November 15

February 6

April 2

May 14

June 4th