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Date: 8 September 2016

School Gymnasium



2016 – 2017 Minutes of the Maple Grove Annual General Meeting of Parents (AGM)

Motion	Subject
	<p>1. <u>Opening & Welcome:</u></p> <p>At 5:48pm the Chair of the school Governing Board, Jim Durocher, welcomed all parents and called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Jim proposed ground rules for the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Raise your hand when you wish to speakStand up when speaking so everyone can hear youBe quiet when others are speakingKeep all comments relevant to the subject at hand (no individual problems will be entertained at this meeting)
Jennifer Deslauriers	<p>2. <u>Naming of AGA secretary</u></p> <p>Motions for Karen Armstrong to be the secretary for this meeting.</p>
Heather Townsend	<p><i>Motion passed.</i></p>
Ron Hebel William Rooney	<p>3. <u>Approval of the agenda</u></p> <p><i>The motion was approved by a majority vote (1 abstention).</i></p>
	<p>4. <u>Role and function of Governing Board (GB)</u></p> <p>Jim explained that the GB is tasked with analyzing, consulting about, and approving school activities brought forward by the school administration, the teachers, and parent groups. He referred parents to the GB annual report for an insight into what is done by GB over the course of the year. The bottom line is that GB work is about providing the best experience for all students at Maple Grove (it is not about discussing or resolving personal issues). Jim thanked all of the 2015-16 board members.</p>
Ron Hebel Heather Townsend	<p>5. <u>Elections for GB members</u></p> <p>Jim explained that there are 4 2-year term positions open and welcomed nominations from the floor.</p> <p><u>nominated:</u></p> <p>Jennifer Deslauriers William Rooney Mikayla Cartwright Tamara Hlipka</p> <p><i>The 4 nominees were acclaimed.</i></p>

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<p>Eric Ron Hebel</p>	<p>6. <u>Elections for Parent Representatives</u> Jim explained the role of Parent Rep to the Parents Committee, which is to attend meetings, once a month at the LBPSB offices with the parent reps of all other schools in the school board to discuss and consult on various issues related to the education project. <u>Nominated</u> Heather Townsend was nominated as parent rep. Jim volunteered to be the alternate Parent Rep.</p> <p><i>Elected with all votes in favour and 1 abstention.</i></p> <p>Jim encourages all parents to contact the Parent Rep. or Alternate with any questions or concerns.</p>
<p>Lisa Malone (None)</p>	<p>7. <u>School-based Parent Participation Organization (PPO)</u> Jim explained that a PPO is a government-mandated volunteer organization that gives forum for parent involvement in school life. The mission of the PPO is to encourage school success by advising the GB. The PPO agenda is set by the GB, who uses it as a means of consulting the greater parent population. In past years, there has not been a PPO and Maple Grove has used alternative means, such as Town Hall consultations and consultations with the Home and School organization, to gauge the opinions of the greater parent population. In addition, the GB always has at least a portion of every meeting open to the public, with time for public questions and comments. A concern was raised that, with a small population of parent volunteers, having both a Home and School and a PPO would be a duplication of the same work and would stretch available parent volunteer time too thin. It was also pointed out that the Home and School has a long history of successfully adding value to the Maple Grove student experience.</p> <p><i>There was no one to second the motion, so it failed.</i></p> <p>A parent expressed disappointment in the failure of the motion and stressed the reasons for a PPO: a place for parents to have a voice in a non-judgmental environment. Heather, as Parent Rep, welcomed all parents, to bring concerns to her. Mrs. Wilkinson encouraged parents to come to her and/or their child’s teacher with any individual concerns they may have, and explained that the GB is the appropriate forum for more general concerns that affect the larger school population.</p>
<p>Willie Elizabeth</p>	<p>8. <u>Adjournment</u> Before closing the meeting, Jim said a few words about promoting Maple Grove Elementary in the community by word-of-mouth. He asks everyone to share all of the successes and happy events at the school, and to always ask questions and find out what is really going on in a given situation before starting rumours.</p> <p><i>Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm</i></p>