



# MAPLE GROVE GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT



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2015-2016 Annual Report

"Each year, the governing board shall inform the parents and the community served by the school of the services provided by the school and report on the quality of such services" Section 83 of the Education Act.

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### CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

The Maple Grove Governing Board (GB) is comprised of a wonderful group of engaged individuals looking out for the well-being of the Maple Grove community. It has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated team of professionals and engaged parent volunteers. The Governing Board had a year filled with challenging decisions, however continued to stay focused on enhancing and improving the school's learning experience for all.

### MEMBERS

#### Parent Members

Jim Durocher, Chair  
Jonathan Zimmerman, Vice-chair  
Jennifer Deslauriers, Treasurer  
Karen Armstrong, Parent Rep Reg3  
Ronald Hebel  
William Rooney  
Richard Smith  
Heather Townsend

#### Staff Members

Arla Connell, Secretary  
Stephanie Cirino  
Kathy Fournier  
Judy Fragapane  
Maira Kanins  
Vicki Lazaris  
Peggy Scott  
Sylvie Turcotte

#### Ex-Officio

Maggie Wilkinson, Principal

### MEETING DATES

Meetings were held monthly, in the Maple Grove school library at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (6:30 p.m.)  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
September 21<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (TBD)

The Annual General Assembly (AGA) was held on September 8th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Maple Grove Gymnasium.

## ISSUES, ACTIONS AND EVENTS

### Topics covered and adopted

The GB discussed many topics and approved activities for the school and daycare throughout the year. These activities served to promote and enhance the student experience at MG, in the community and elsewhere. The GB approved the following with the intention of creating a safe and creative environment, while emphasizing the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child at all levels.

Bill 86	Subject time allocation
Major School Change 2016-17 (MSC)	Francisation grant
MSC 16-17 decision response	Early French Literacy Programs
Budgets	Math Support Group
Annual Report	École Montréalaise fund spending
Programs of studies	NTIC grant
Tell Them From Me (TTFM)	Pearson Education Fund grant
School Fees	Capital projects
Dare to Care	Wellness Grant (SmartFit)
School Calendar for 2016-17	

### Actions taken

The Educational institution is based on learning and improvement. This year, the GB has taken the following actions to improve and help Maple Grove take its place among our peers.

The GB created the “Internal rules of management” to be used as a guide for new members and to promote a structured and efficient meeting process.

The GB sent a response to the School Board (SB) and commissioners concerning the MSC 2016-17 decision. We highlighted the impact on our school and community.

### Rental

Floor Hockey  
Karate

### Consultations

The GB responded to the following consultation responses, which are available with the School administration upon request.

Enrolment Criteria 2015-2016  
Selection criteria for the Principal of Maple Grove Elementary  
2016-2017 SB Budget  
Governing Board Composition 2016-17  
Strategic Plan 2015-2020 and online survey  
Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2016-2019  
By-law 1 (2016) and By-law 1E (2016)

## EVENTS

### Home and school

Scholastics French and English Book Fairs  
Menchie's and Subway  
La Montagne Fundraiser  
Jungle Sport

Movie night  
Geordie Productions  
Grad chocolate fundraisers  
BBQ

### Teachers

FSSTT's used clothing for sale fundraiser  
École Montréalaise Cycle 1 Sacs d'histoires  
Sports tournaments  
Beach Day  
Girl Guides and Scouts Uniform Day  
Grad Trip

Good Start program for new K's and Parents  
Stationary bikes for the classroom  
Green Apple Initiative  
Earth Day  
Grad fundraising

### Daycare

Cinema Kirkland  
Break city hip hop dancing  
Sports Ball  
Educ-Action

Cabane à sucre  
Dynamix  
Rock climbing

### Field trips

Dreams take flight  
Community food bank on 34<sup>th</sup> Ave  
WE day  
Halo Road Race  
Track and Field at Riverdale High School  
Papillons en liberté at Insectarium  
Primo Day  
Beethoven Lives Upstairs show  
Lachine Library  
Carignan Park  
Madame Butterfly at UQAM

Centre des Sciences  
Biodôme  
Cap St-Jacques  
Maison Symphonique de la Place des Arts  
Future Ready Summit  
Pointe-a-Callière  
Labyrinthe  
Musée de Lachine  
Sources Career center  
Lakeside

**"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."  
Benjamin Franklin.**

## INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

### Maple Grove Parent Rep.

The MG Parent Rep. for Region 3 reported on many of the issues discussed at the Central Parents Committee (CPC). Although much time was spent on Bill 86 and MSC 2016-17, there were many other important topics discussed, such as:

Communication and marketing  
Google GAFE  
Declining enrollment  
TTFM

Various Programs like STEAM  
Digital citizenship  
SNAC support

Information on these subjects and more can be made available upon request at [maple\\_grove\\_pr@lbpearson.ca](mailto:maple_grove_pr@lbpearson.ca) and on the CPC web page <http://cpc.lbpsb.qc.ca/>.

### Governing Board

A letter titled “*Moving Forward Together*” was sent home with the students’ report cards which outlined the initiatives and tools brought forward by the staff to ensure the best chance of success for all students.

### Staff and school life

A monthly Newsletter was made available on the school web page with a wealth of information about school life and what’s going on: <http://maplegrove.lbpsb.qc.ca/newsletters.htm>

## SUCCESS PLAN

In 2015 Maple Grove Elementary continued to enhance the programs offered with a focus on maximizing student success. Some examples of the results and initiatives are:

Cycle III Math exam success rate increased by 9% compared to 2013-14  
Grade four English doubled their targeted goal

Maple Grove added extra Math support for grades 4 to 6  
Continued use of Reflex Math Program by all math teachers from grades 2 through 6  
Music was given in French for grades 3 and 4  
Physical Education in French for grades 1, 3 and 5  
Small group Enriched French classes for grade 4

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of learning from past experiences. We recommend taking the necessary steps to learn and improve from this knowledge gained and continue to promote the well-being and growth of Maple Grove Elementary. One of these steps is to continue the promotion and communication of all the successes at Maple Grove. We encourage staff, parents, students, volunteers and the community to talk about all the wonderful initiatives and stories that can be found at Maple Grove Elementary. The Governing Board will continue to monitor and adjust the Success plan to fulfill its mission of ensuring a healthy and positive environment, while improving the student experience.