

Maple Grove Elementary School
Governing Board 2020-2021

Meeting minutes
October 21st - 6:00 pm – Zoom

Present: Parent Member

- 1 Amanda Lamb
- 2 Debra Lowe
- 3 Gabriela Coutard
- 4 Ashley McLellan
- 5 Sarah Fortin
- 6 Ria Rombough
- 7 Christina Allen
- 8 Aaron Totton (alt)
- 9 Stacey Tottle (alt)

Staff Member

- Sylvie Turcotte
- Anne Martin
- Kathy Fournier
- Debbie Zemnickis
- Geneviève Le Cavalier-Parant
- Arla Connell

Other:

Dean Graddon (Principal)

Absent:

Peggy Scott

Moved by (M:) Seconded(S:) Results (R:)

Item	Comments	Action
1.	Call to order	
		Time: 6:05
2.	Adoption of the Agenda	
		M: Ria
		S: Stacey
		R: Unanimous
3.	Approval of the minutes	
	September 9, 2020	M: Kathy
		S: Anne
		R: Unanimous
4.	Governing Board Elections	
	a. Chair	M: Ria
	Nomination of Amanda Lamb.	S: Anne
		R: Unanimous

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		Motion to amend Governing Board rules to elect a Co-Chair.	M: Geneviève S: Gabriela R: Unanimous
		Motion to nominate Ria Rombough as Co-Chair. Ria accepted nomination.	M: Anne S: Debbie R: Unanimous
	b.	Treasurer Christina Allen volunteered.	M: Amanda S: Stacey R: Unanimous
	c.	Secretary Rosanne Pagani volunteered.	M: Amanda S: Debbie R: Unanimous
5.		Email Votes	
	a.	Terry Fox Ratification of email vote	M: Arla S: Stacey R: Unanimous
6.		Business Arising from the minutes	
		None	
7.		Reports	
	a.	Principal -See Principal's Report at the end of this document.	
	b.	Teachers /Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cycle 1</u> -Orange Shirt Day was very special. Cycle I had a distanced parade with singing and guitar playing. Students responses and drawings were very impressive. 	

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		<p>-Students are playing in different areas of the school yard and it is working well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cycle II</u> -Our entire community recognized Orange Shirt Day thanks to Sue Simatos our Spiritual Animator. It was nice to talk about that part of our community. • <u>Phys. Ed</u> -Thank you to everyone for approving the fundraiser for Terry Fox. Each teacher is doing an activity in his honor for 40 days. 	
	c.	<p>Daycare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not enough registrations for next Friday's ped day therefore the daycare will not be opening on October 30th. 	
	d.	<p>Home & School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A virtual book fair will be held. -Oliver's Labels -Maple Grove swag 	
	e.	<p>PC Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The AGM meeting was held. They were nominating different roles. -There will be a questionnaire forthcoming to schools re Environmental Awareness (composting, etc) 	
	f.	<p>Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. Elections are postponed indefinitely. 	
8.		Correspondence / Consultation	
		None	

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9.		Regular Business	
	a.	Maple Grove Internal Rules of Management -Co-chair will be added.	
	b.	Home & School Fundraiser Beau Sapin – deliver xmas trees & wreaths; 20% off; more information on website	M: Geneviève S: Anne R: Unanimous
10.		Questions from the public	
11.		Varia	
12.		Next Meeting: November 18th @ 6pm via zoom	
13.		Adjournment: 6h49pm	M: Arla S: Ashley R: Unanimous

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Principal's Report – October 2020

The month of September will be one we remember for a long time. The return to school after so many months away was characterized by masks, runny noses and...happy children. Kudos to the whole staff for making the school a welcoming and stimulating environment that the kids seem relieved to return to. The specter of COVID-19 may be hanging over everything we do, and the worry about how the second wave will unfold is on all of our minds, but we have made school what everyone needs most – normal.

COVID News

Two classes had to be closed as a precaution on October 5th and 6th after two students were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Fortunately, we were able to reopen both groups after the two students received negative test results.

Staff packed up all necessary student materials on the morning of the 5th, allowing parents to pick up the materials that afternoon. Online learning began the morning of the 6th.

This week, we had to close another class, this time due to a student testing positive for COVID-19. Following contact tracing, a handful of children from the same school bus have also been asked to self-isolate. Online learning began Wednesday the 21st. We are awaiting a recommendation from Public Health about the return date.

Early in the school year, multiple students per day needed to be sent home with possible COVID-like symptoms, but the numbers have dropped in the past couple of weeks. Parents are being more vigilant about keeping symptomatic children at home.

High School Enrichment program Entrance exam for Grade 6

Students interested in being considered for an LBPSB enrichment program for next year need to write the entrance exam on the morning of October 30 in their regular class at school. Deadline to register was Sunday October 18.

Lead Testing

The MEES has mandated that all schools in the province have their drinking water tested for possible lead contamination. Our testing was done in late September.

Ministry Announcement re: terms & report cards

Last week, the Ministry of Education announced that, for this year only, there will only be two terms in the 2020-2021 school year. This will allow teachers and students to catch up on missed content from last year without the pressure of as much evaluation. We are still waiting for clarification of some details.

- Interim report cards, sent out October 15, will serve as the initial communication called for by the Ministry.
- Parent-teacher interviews will proceed as scheduled on November 19 (evening) and November 20 (day). Details to follow.
- Term 1 will now end in January (date to be confirmed).
- Term 1 report cards will be released through Mozaik in late January (date to be confirmed).
- A second parent-teacher interview session will also be scheduled. It looks like it will be in the spring.

Staffing

Two new integration aides have been hired and started October 13 to provide additional support to students in need.