

Maple Grove Elementary School
Governing Board 2020-2021

Meeting minutes
November 18th - 6:00 pm – Zoom

Present:	<u>Parent Member</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>
1	Amanda Lamb	Sylvie Turcotte
2	Debra Lowe	Anne Martin
3	Christina Allen	Kathy Fournier
4	Ashley McLellan	Debbie Zemnickis
5	Sarah Fortin	Geneviève Le Cavalier-Parant
6	Ria Rombough	Arla Connell
7	Aaron Totton	
8	Stacey Tottle	
Other:	Joshua Arless (Commissioner)	Dean Graddon (Principal)
Absent:	Gabriela Coutard	Peggy Scott

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

Item	Comments	Action
1.	Call to order	
		Time: 6:05
2.	Land acknowledgement	
	“Council acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the ancestral territory of the Kanien’keha:ka - people of the Mohawk Nation, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.”	
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	
		M: Geneviève
		S: Ashley
		R: Unanimous
4.	Approval of the minutes	
	October 21, 2020	M: Stacey
		S: Arla
		R: Unanimous

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5.	Email Votes	
a)	none	
6.	Business Arising from the minutes	
	None	
7.	Reports	
a)	<p>Principal</p> <p>-See Principal's Report at the end of this document.</p>	
b)	<p>Teachers /Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cycle 1</u> -Mrs. Zemnickis' students have a virtual presentation with the Musée des Beaux-Arts on Nov. 26th which is being offered through Ecole Montrealaise. • <u>Cycle II</u> -Part of the day is spent getting used to new routines, etc. Lots of cleaning. -Rosanne is sending us emails from Ecole Montrealaise re their virtual activities. • <u>Phys. Ed</u> - There is a lot of cleaning between classes. Experimenting with Cycle II and III on Google Classroom in case we go back online. -Terry Fox 40 days is over – collected \$605.00 online. Students did a lot of talking about Terry Fox. 	

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c)	<p>Daycare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	
d)	<p>Home & School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Had meeting. Ashley talked about swag for Maple Grove. Have suppliers. To meet again on Monday. -Received wish list from Mr. Graddon. Money will be raised for beanies and grad sweaters. -Trying to connect with local bakery re Xmas log campaign. -Fund Scrip – gift card program. -Book Fair – Scholastic offering virtual book fair in English only. Trying to get it launched. (French one not yet ready) Teachers should use the credits. 	
e)	<p>PC Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sent link for GB training to members. -Last meeting approximately 70 people; They broke out into sub-groups. -Reinforcing policy re no visitors to schools. - Students on ped days must be within their bubbles. -No further updates on Bill 40 -Discussed School Board Elections that are to be held on December 20th. Cannot vote by mail. 	
f)	<p>Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mr. Arless gave thanks to everyone and asked to please reach out to Employee Assistance Program if anyone is having trouble during these times. -Over \$500,000 will be spent for 420 air purifiers which are to be installed in certain schools over the next few weeks. Also upgraded filtration system. -Council of Commissioners created an Equality and Inclusivity task force which is chaired by Myrna Lashley. 	

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8.	Correspondence / Consultation	
	None	
9.	Regular Business	
a)	<p>2020-2021 Budget</p> <p>-Mr. Graddon went over the 2020-2021 budget. Amanda read out budget adoption resolution. Budget adopted.</p>	<p>M: Arla S: Ashley R: Unanimous</p>
b)	<p>Changes to school calendar</p> <p>Approval to move January 27th local ped day to Wednesday December 9th.</p>	<p>M: Ashley S: Christina R: Unanimous</p>
c)	<p>Sexuality Education Plan 2020-2021</p> <p>-Ministry requirement -Mr. Graddon explained how schedule for the teachers would work. Motion to approve schedule.</p>	<p>M: Debra S: Ashley R: Unanimous</p>
10.	Questions from the public	
11.	Varia	
12.	Next Meeting: December 16 th @ 6pm via zoom	
13.	Adjournment: 7h02pm	<p>M: Ashley S: Stacey R: Unanimous</p>

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Principal's Report – November 2020

October proved to be an interesting month with three separate short-term class closures. Our safety protocols have been effective as none of the cases led to a larger outbreak. The teachers whose classes closed managed their respective closures efficiently and with professionalism. We hope that we won't have to deal with any further closures, but our experiences through October demonstrated that we can quickly shift to online learning if required.

I would like to thank the entire staff for making Halloween a special day for the kids. The kids have done such an incredible job adapting to all of the changes this year has forced upon them. They deserved the opportunity have some fun and we gave that to them.

Thanks also to Ms. L for coordinating the Thriller dance. The kids had a blast.

Finally, thanks to the staff members and students who bravely stepped up to be interviewed for the promotional video. A huge shout-out goes to Mme. Martine for performing the Maple Grove song with her students. We were very well-represented. Now I can't wait to see the final video! It will be available early in the new year around registration time.

Thanks also to Sue Simatos, our Spiritual Animator, for her hard work producing the Remembrance Day video with our students.

Daycare News – change of hours on Ped Days starting in January

Starting in the New Year, on pedagogical days, daycare will be only be open 8 hours per day for the duration of the pandemic. New daycare hours on ped days will now be 7 AM to 3 PM as of January.

Math Support

Once again this year, Maria Falsetto-Aloe has been hired on a service providing additional Math support two hours per week for each Grade 5 & 6 class. I am still looking for someone to offer early literacy support for French support in Cycle 1.

3 additional Ped Days

The Ministry announced recently that three additional pedagogical days will be added to the 2020-21 calendar to allow teachers to receive training and to plan for a possible shift to online learning. Within LBPSB, two of the three days will be scheduled by the board. These dates will be confirmed by the Council of Commissioners at their December meeting. A third day will be scheduled at the school level.

Technology purchases

In recent weeks, orders have been placed to upgrade the technology at Maple Grove. We received our order of 18 document cameras for teachers to use when teaching in the classroom or online. We are awaiting the arrival of additional Chromebooks and Chromebook carts. Once they arrive, we will be 1:1 in grades 5 and 6. Grades 3 & 4 each already have their own carts with 32 Chromebooks. The new purchase will create a class set to introduce Cycle 1 students to using this technology.

Ministry Grants

Funds have been allocated by the Ministry to upgrade our school yard and to provide additional opportunities for students to be physically active both inside and outside. More info to follow as we develop our plans.

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Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will take place over Zoom on Thursday November 19 in the afternoon/evening and the morning of Friday the 20th. Booking of appointments was done via Mozaik.