



Maple Grove Governing Board

Minutes
January 26, 2021, at 6:00pm
Via Zoom

1. Call to order: Ria Rombough called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

In attendance:

Admin: Dean Graddon

Staff Reps: Sylvie Turcotte, Genevieve Le Cavalier-Parant, Kathy Fournier, Debbie Zemnickis, Will Davidson,

Parent Reps: Ria Rombough, Sarah Fortin, Aaron Totton, Christina Allen, Cathenna Michaud, Monomita Roy, Jessica Landry

Public: None in attendance

Regrets: Peggy Scott, Arla Connell, Heather Townsend, Shelley Horn

2. Land Acknowledgment – was read by Ria Rombough
3. Adoption of the Agenda –
Motion to accept the Agenda by Kathy Fournier, 2nd by Sarah Fortin - **Moved**
4. Approval of the minutes of December 15:
Motion to approve by Genevieve Le Cavalier-Parant 2nd by Kathy Fournier – **Moved**
5. E-mail Votes – None
6. Business Arising from the minutes: - None
7. Reports:
 - a. **Principal:** Please see below for the report
COVID-19 Vaccination
Our 2nd vaccination clinic is scheduled for Monday January 31. Approximately 50 students are currently registered, including some 1st dose appointments.
Registration for 2022-2023
Registration for K4 & K5 is ongoing. Re-registration for current K5 and Grade 1-5 students is done next week through Mozaik.
 - b. **Teacher/Staff** –
Nothing much to report. We have only had a few days of school
 - c. **Daycare** – Peggy Scott
No Report
 - d. **Home & School** – Aaron Totton & Cathenna Michaud
Bookfair is next week, a link will be sent soon so if parents ask what books they should buy for their children
The frozen treat funds raised were given to the phys-ed department.
Working on the Silent Auction, so if anyone comes up with prizes, please let me know.
Q. How do we get the information about prizes to you?
A. You can email me at: sunshineowllet@gmail.com or the Home & School at: maplegrovehomeandschool@gmail.com. The email addresses were written in the chat.
 - e. **PC Rep** – No Report this month, meeting is next week
 - f. **Commissioner** – Patrick Whitham – Not in attendance tonight

8. Correspondence/Consultations – None presented

9. Regular Business

a. H&S Fundraiser – Staff Appreciation Fundraiser:

When: Fundraising for the first 2 weeks of February to provide a lunch and other surprises on February 23rd

Cost: Request of donation from the parents. The donation amount to come from the parents – All funds received will be used toward the staff appreciation event.

We are asking to receive the funds via e-transfer or cash

Motion for approval of the fundraiser by Genevieve Le Cavalier-Parant, 2nd by Jessica Landry - **Moved**

10. Questions from the Public – No Public in attendance

11. Varia –

Q. After reading the last minutes, there is a concern about cuts that may need to be made to daycare.

A. Last year we had to overstaff to keep the bubbles separate. And we have too many parents not paying their lunch/daycare fees.

Q. What motivation can we use to get the parents to pay?

A. For the daycare portions, we can remove services for non-payment. However, lunch service and school service can not be removed for non-payment. Unpaid fees go to collections 2x per year. We continue to encourage the parents to pay.

Q. If we have any brainstorm about fee collections, who should we send that to?

A. Please send to Dean Graddon. This is a school and school board issue. The Governing board approves the budgets.

Q. Why have we not received the daycare January bill?

A. They are delayed due to the closure this month, and not knowing when school and daycare would open back up. The bills should be sent by the end of the month.

Q. Ped day closures cause problems for the parents that need childcare. Why are they closed.

A. Not enough children were registered, so we can not open the daycare. Only a handful of students registered.

Q. Does this happen often that the daycare closes for not enough children? Or is it Covid?

A. Last year the daycare was closed on every ped-day. Last week was the first closure for this year. The numbers are a little lower than normal, but they are still ok. Some of the children don't want to go when there are no activities. There are no activities due to Covid restrictions.

Q. What is required for employees of essential workers to access the daycare?

A. There was a list of what counts toward the essential service workers. And parents require a letter from their employer to register their children.

Q. When I downloaded the Report Card, I saw the Covid absent counts. Is it updated daily?

A. It is updated at 4pm every day. The ministry has been putting pressure on the school board, and there will be some changes coming on January 31st.

Q. Is it normal to book the parent-teacher interviews before receiving the report cards?

A. No. It is an issue with timing. Teachers would have had to work over the holidays to be able to get all the report cards processed before the time to schedule the interviews. This does not happen normally.

12. Next Meeting: February 23rd @ 6:00 pm

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Debbie Zemnickis at 6:41 pm