

Annual Report

2013-2014

Maple Grove Elementary School

Report on the School's Success Plan, Management and Educational Success Agreement, and Contribution to the School Board's Strategic Plan



Together We Learn:
Partnering for Student Success



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Introduction

In January 2010, the school signed a management and educational success agreement with the school board. The overall objective of the agreement is to improve student success. The management and educational success agreement incorporates five major goals:

- Increased Graduation and Qualification Rate
- Improved Mastery of English and French Language Skills
- Improved Levels of Success and Perseverance for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties
- Promoting Wellness in a Safe and Caring Community
- Increased Enrollment of Students Under 20 Years of Age in Vocational Training

The management and educational success agreement is valid until June 30th, 2015 and is reviewed on a yearly basis. The agreement is closely aligned with the school success plan for 2010-2015. Student success is the force that drives our actions, we believe that the identified pillars of our success plan represent the key areas that will increase student success and ensure the achievement of our management and educational success agreement goals. It is our responsibility to ensure that every student has the opportunity to excel, our success plan combined with our management and educational success agreement provides our road maps to meet that responsibility.

We are pleased to share news of this past year's (2013-2014) successes. This annual report includes information on our success plan results, management and educational success agreement results as well as the school's contribution to the school board's strategic plan. The report shares information about the important work that our school does to foster student success while ensuring a safe and healthy educational environment, and highlights the work and achievements of students and staff. This report is only a tiny snapshot of what happens every single day in our school with our collective mission to provide excellence in education.

School Portrait

Maple Grove	2013-2014
School Capacity	450
Program(s)	Bilingual Program French Immersion Program
Total Number of Students Registered	329
Total Number of Students Registered In Daycare	94
Number of Students With Handicaps, Social Maladjustments, or Learning Difficulties.	44

School Mission/Vision

At Maple Grove, children will be educated in a safe, caring and respectful environment.

We are committed respondents to the needs of our students, taking into account the diversity of their abilities and interests.

The focus for all students will be to develop skills in the areas of bilingualism, numeracy and social competence. These academic and social goals are supported and enhanced by a rich curriculum of Music, Art and Drama. Promoting Physical Education and Health are integral facets of our students' success.

Our ultimate purpose is to help each student to become a productive, caring, creative and confident member of a global community, ready for challenges and assume their responsibility in a changing world.

As a member of Peaceful Schools International, Maple Grove places significant emphasis on the fostering of social skills development and empathy.

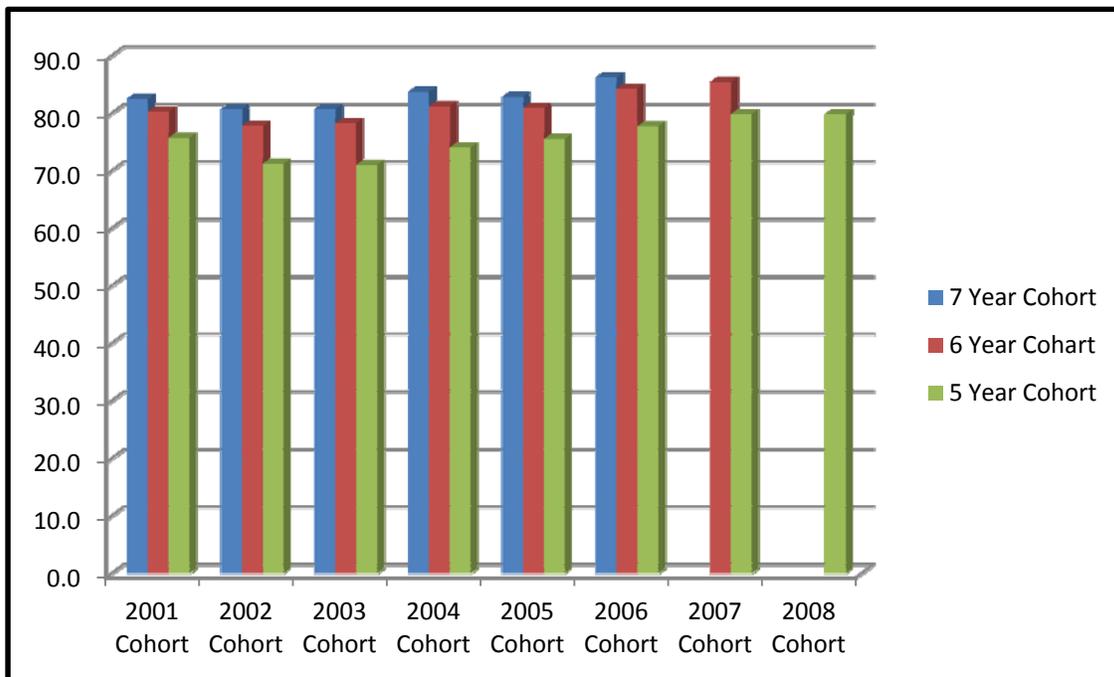
Goal 1: Increased Graduation and Qualification Rate

School Board Context

The student success rate in terms of certification and qualification remains an important factor. The graph below summarizes the LBPSB graduation and qualification rate for students under the age of twenty over the past eight years. The MELS has given us the challenge of increasing our graduation and qualification rate to 88% by 2020. We have set our 2015 graduation and qualification rate target at 85.5% with 2% of this increase coming from the youth sector and 1% coming from the Continuing Education sector. We have exceeded this target with a graduation and qualification rate of 86.2%. We continue to address the difference in the graduation and qualification rate between boys and girls. As well, all of our elementary schools are working towards increasing their success rate for MELS Elementary End of Cycle III Math exam results.

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GRADUATION and QUALIFICATION RATE



School Results

Goal 1: Increased Graduation and Qualification Rate				
#	Objective	2009 Baseline	2015 Target	2014 Result
1	A 45% increase in the success rate for MELS End of Cycle III Math Exam Results by 2015.	10%	55%	66%
2	Reduce the dropout rate. Minimum of one intervention targeting the engagement of boys.	NA	1 Intervention Per Year	3

Level of Accomplishment:

Maple Grove Elementary opened its doors in August 2010 as a result the School Board agreed to allow Maple Grove to use the 2011 – 2012 academic year as the baseline for school results.

- The success rate for the Mels end of Cycle III Math exam increased by 39% compared to results in 2012 – 2013.
- The Mels end of Cycle III results in Math, show that the students attained and exceeded the targeted goal for success rate.
- We accomplished our target for objective 2 by implementing three distinct weekly programs, offered to engage boys in physical and social interactions.

Situation Analysis:

- The LBPSB's math consultant will be invited to introduce the resource based on "Math Curriculum Mapping" for all teachers teaching math.
- All teachers from grades two through six will continue to implement the Reflex Math Project, designed to build basic recall of simple yet important math facts.
- The resource teacher will continue to support and work with students in small groups, who struggle in math.
- Maple Grove has been an active participant in the LBPSB Math Olympics. We will continue to participate in this event.
- Increased use of Technology in the classroom, in order to augment student interest and participation.
- Additional extracurricular activities before the day commences, recess as well as during the lunch hour, to increase participation from boys.
- A robotics club will be created for a select group of grade 5 and 6 students as an extra-curricular activity. These students facilitate the use and study of robotics with Kindergarten and Cycle 1 classrooms.
- A boys club was created for grade 2 and 3 boys.
- An after-school homework program was implemented for all students.
- Implementation of a small group Math tutorial program, aimed to support and enhance Math concepts taught in Cycles II and III

Goal 2: Improved Mastery of English and French Language Skills

School Board Context

The overall aim of Goal 2 from the Ministry of Education Leisure and Sports is to improve the mastery of the French Language. The Lester B. Pearson School Board, as an English school board, has targeted the improvement of both French and English literacy skills. The Board's goal is not only to graduate students who are bilingual, but who are also biliterate; able to read, speak and write in English and French. As a result, our focus is an emphasis on early intervention to further improve literacy skills. Our systemic efforts must begin at the elementary level and be maintained throughout the secondary year. This will allow for improvement in our success rates for Secondary V Uniform Ministry Examinations in English Language Arts and French, and increase our students' exposure to French.

School Results

Goal 2: Improved Mastery of English and French Language Skills				
#	Objective	2009 Baseline	2015 Target	2014 Result
1	A 4 % increase in the success rate for elementary end of Cycle III French exam results by 2015.	52.5%	57%	86%
2	A 4 % increase in the number of elementary Cycle II students reading and writing at level by 2015. (The Cycle II ES results are used as a baseline).	ELA 68% FSL 95%	ELA 72% FSL 99%	ELA 92% FSL 82%
3	A 40% increase in the success rate for elementary end of cycle III English exam results by 2015.	15%	55%	93%
4	An increase in the number of activities which expose students to French (cultural, extracurricular, daycare)	NA	1 Per Year	3

Level of Accomplishment:

Maple Grove Elementary opened its doors in August 2010 as a result the School Board agreed to allow Maple Grove to use the 2011 – 2012 academic year as the baseline for school results.

- The Mels end of Cycle III results in French and English, show that the grade six students exceeded targeted goals for success rates.
- The success rate for the end of Cycle III French exam increased by 20% compared to results in 2012 – 2013.
- The success rate for the Mels end of Cycle III English exam increased by 20% compared to results in 2012 – 2013.
- The end of Cycle II results in English, show that the grade four students exceeded the targeted goal for success rate.
- Running records continue to help teachers track and plan for student reading achievement.
- Invited several artists to perform in French, for all students.

Situation Analysis:

In the area of French Language Arts development, our goal for 2015 has been attained. Our students have successfully reached and surpassed the desired level of performance.

- Francisation program supported additional French language learning
- Improved teachers' skills through in-service sessions offered by the board
- Daily Five classroom management for literacy instruction best practices.
- Implement an early literacy intervention program at the Cycle I level with small group instruction
- By means of the Homework Assistance grant, will continue to focus on individual students' needs by implementing weekly small group French instruction, to further support and develop students' reading and writing skills
- The consistent use of GB Plus and teachers' increased ability to interpret the results will allow teachers to identify students' needs and implement student support measures
- French resource teachers are available to students at all grade levels
- Introduction of extracurricular and art activities offered in French, to all students
- Invite artists and writers from Culture in the Schools to perform for all students

In the area of English language development, our 2015 target has been exceeded. The strategies employed have had positive results and feedback.

- Improved teachers' skills through in-service sessions offered by the board
- By means of the Homework Assistance grant, an after-school homework program will be implemented for students in Cycle II and III.
- The purchase of a wide variety of books for use in the library, classrooms and resource room, addressing student interests and supported learning.
- The consistent use of running records and teachers' increased ability to interpret the results will allow teachers to identify student needs and implement student support measures
- English resource teachers are available to students at all grade levels
- Daily Five classroom management for literacy instruction best practices

Goal 3: Improved Levels of Success and Perseverance for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties

School Board Context

The Lester B. Pearson School Board is proud to be an inclusive school board where students with special needs are integrated into community schools and classrooms. In each school students with special needs are members of the community receiving support services as indicated by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Our focus for the next four years is to increase the qualification rate for our students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties. We will continue to implement and support a variety of Work Oriented Training Pathway programs and school-based alternative programs which address the needs of our students and lead to qualification. In addition, the School Board team and individual school teams continue to develop individual and small group programs that respond to student needs. These programs are in line with student IEP objectives and enhance their opportunities for student success.

School Results

Goal 3: Improved Levels of Success and Perseverance for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties				
#	Objective	Baseline	2015 Target	2014 Result
1	To develop awareness of the various pathways of learning for special needs students and students at risk	NA	Increase Initiatives	In Progress

Level of Accomplishment:

- Integration aides and Resource teachers provided remedial individual and small group support for students in Math, French and English
- Weekly resource meetings scheduled with our School Board psychologist, speech therapist, social worker, and FSSTT team allowing for a diverse range of expertise to best support students' needs
- Cooperative support between teachers and resource teachers to modify/adapt program content in order to best support students' needs
- IEPs were designed to contain realistic expectations, and were reviewed and modified each term to meet the students' needs
- Purchased software for students with special needs, to enhance instruction in ELA, Math and FSL
- Meetings between the Maple Grove grade 6 and resource teachers along with high school resource teachers, to facilitate students' transition to high school

Situation Analysis:

- The Maple Grove resource team will continue to meet once a week to provide continuous evaluation of IEPs, modified programs and adaptations for students with special needs
- Continued meetings involving our resource team and high school teams, followed by a scheduled visit to the high school, by the student
- Students are continuously evaluated and offered support through remediation in small groups, during the school day
- Continued support in Math, French and English, by means of the Homework Program
- The use of I Pads to facilitate learning for students with special needs
- Increase our partnership with Lakeside Academy High School to promote knowledge of their respective programs

Goal 4: Promoting Wellness in a Safe and Caring Community

School Board Context

Student success is greatly determined by the school and community environment. Schools and communities must work hand-in-hand to ensure that our students learn in an environment that is safe, caring, and promotes wellness. All elementary and secondary schools complete a yearly portrait of the school climate in order to prioritize interventions in line with a safe, secure, healthy, and welcoming environment.

The Elementary School Climate Portrait is developed through the completion of two surveys: the “Safe and Caring Schools Survey” completed with staff and the “Tell Them From Me Survey” completed by senior elementary school students twice yearly. The elementary student survey provides 17 indicators based on the most recent research on school and classroom effectiveness. This year’s report provides highlights based on data from 9,057 elementary school students from 34 schools.

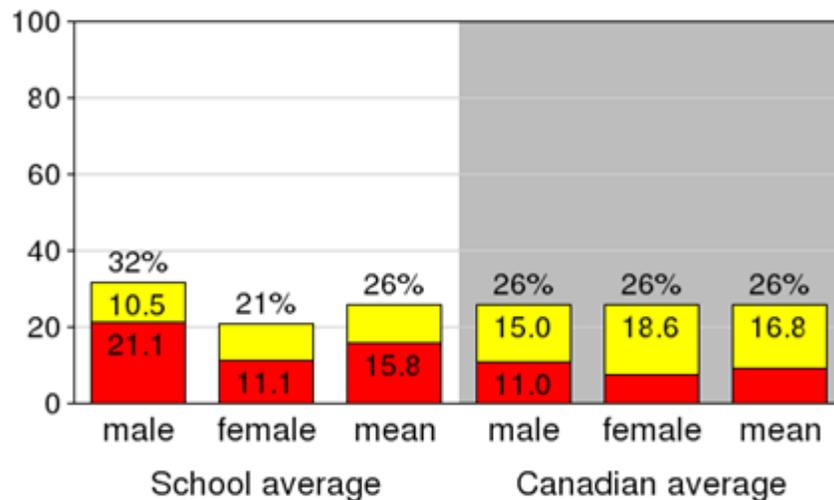
School Results

Goal 4: Promoting Wellness in a Safe and Caring Community				
#	Objective	Baseline	2015 Target	2014 Result
1	The number of initiatives that promote pride in and respect for our environment.	1	5 New strategies	3
2	Complaints: Bullying/Violence	NA	0	1
3	Implementation of the Healthy Schools Approach.	[X] In Progress [] Implemented		

Level of Accomplishment:

Results from Maple Grove's Tell Them From Me Bullying and School Safety Report indicate that the percentage of students identifying as victims of bullying sits at 26% which is the Canadian average for elementary students. Of these students, 69% say they experienced Verbal or Social Conflict at school, while Physical Conflict and Cyber Bullying were identified by 19% and 9% respectively. Students identify recess (33%) and lunch (26%) as the most common times during the day when they encounter conflict with peers. All but one reported incident of violence, aggression or bullying were satisfactorily resolved at the school level.

Prevalence of bullying at Maple Grove



In order to promote respect for our environment, the following initiatives were put in place

- Recycling organized by all students
- Cycle I students planted a garden at the front of the school
- Beautifying the school hallways with colors and a student initiated mural

In order to ensure a safe and secure school environment the following initiatives were put in place

- Initiated a girls club for Cycle II and III students
- Initiated a boys club for grades two and three students
- Taking part in the peace summit and continuing our involvement in the Peaceful Schools initiative
- Bus report procedure
- Invited Geordie productions to present an Anti-bullying play to all students
- Cycle I assemblies to address such topics as respect, cooperation...
- Cycle III leadership program engaged in mentoring younger students
- Social Skills group to address conflict resolution and friendship
- School Board consultant came to visit the grade six classes to speak about drug prevention

Healthy Schools initiatives put in place

- Partnership between grade 6 students and a local food bank
- Holiday baskets
- A breakfast and lunch program offered every day
- Working together as a community to raise awareness and funds for “Free the Children”
- Initiated the Peaceful hallway project

Situation Analysis:

- Daycare information sent to parents via e-mails
- Peer Mediation Program – Cycle III students supporting younger students in making appropriate social choices
- Continue the TTFM survey to be completed twice a year by grades 4 to 6 students. Results will be studied to help address student concerns, such as health, safety and school life
- Complete a staff survey “ Safe and Caring Schools”
- Implemented the Dare to Care, anti-bullying initiative. Sessions offered to all grade levels with specific assemblies targeting grade-level appropriate activities and discussions on bullying. A daylong session offered to all Cycle III students

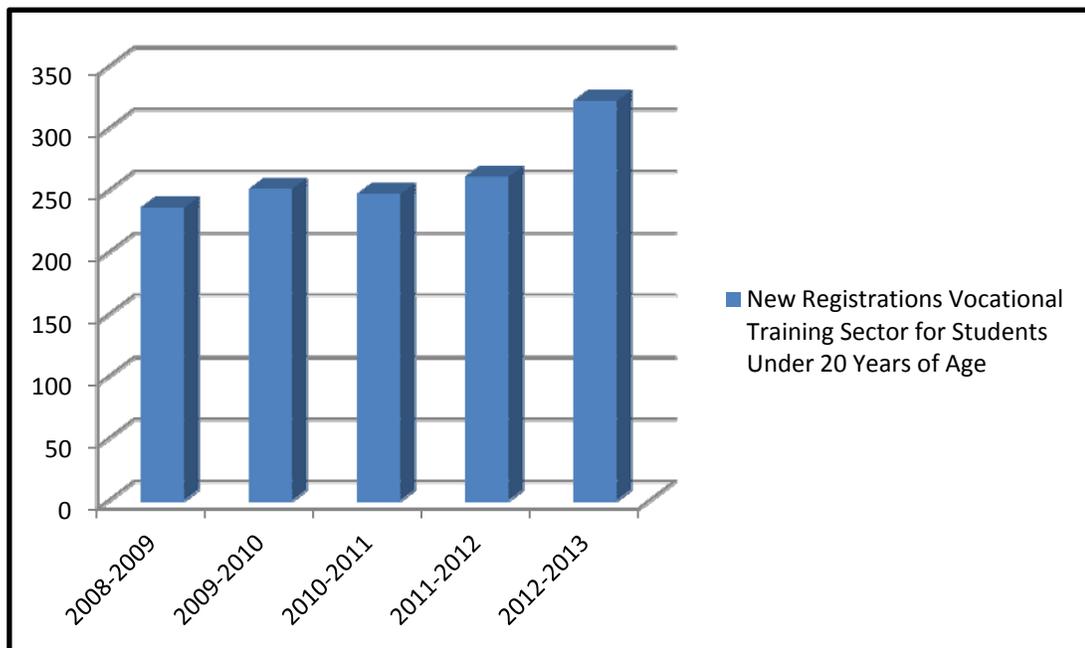
Goal 5: Increased Enrollment of Students Under 20 Years of Age in Vocational Training

School Board Context

The Vocational Education pathway continues to be a growing choice towards graduation for students under 20 years of age as well as being a priority for the Ministry of Education Leisure and Sports. Our Vocational Education Centres provide numerous training programs that lead directly to employability and/or to a career.

The graph below indicates that the Vocational Training sector's contribution to the overall school board graduation rate has increased over the past four years. The vast majority of these students enter without interrupting their studies and with a diploma or qualification. To continue to be successful in this area, our priority is to promote vocational training programs as viable and exciting options towards certification. We feel that by attracting more students to these programs we can improve the opportunities for success of our students.

New Registrations Vocational Training Sector for Students Under 20 Years of Age



School Results

Goal 5: Increased Enrollment of Students Under 20 Years of Age in Vocational Training				
#	Objective	Baseline	2015 Target	2014 Result
1	The number of initiatives that promote vocational education		Maintain Or Surpass	3

Level of Accomplishment:

Our objective to educate grade 6 students of vocational studies and high school programs will be continued next school year, through the following programs

- Visits to local high schools, “mini-day” provided valuable information to our students
- Local high school workshops presented by high school students to the grade 6 classes
- Career day visit to PEC for all grade six students
- Initiated the Hooked on Schools program for all grade six students

Situation Analysis:

- Continue with Hooked on Schools presentations to all grade 6 students
- Partnership between students in vocational studies and our grade six students, to introduce them to the many programs offered
- Organize “Career Day” for all grade 6 students