

**Maple Grove Elementary School**  
**Governing Board 2022-2023**  
**Meeting Minutes – April 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ Maple Grove staff room**

**Parent members present:**

1. Terhembra Ambe-Uva
2. Lorraine Deliva (Chair)
3. Aaron Totton
4. Mathieu Young (Vice-Chair)
5. Gabriela Coutard

**Parent members regrets:**

1. *Oumy Dia (Secretary)*
2. *Toni Lowe*
3. *David Marcogliese*

**Staff Members present:**

1. Arla Connell
2. Sylvie Turcotte

**Staff members regrets:**

1. *Helen Athanasopoulos*
2. *Peggy Scott*
3. *Debbie Zemnickis*
4. *Kathy Fournier*

- 1) **Call to order @ 6:47pm**
- 2) **Land Acknowledgement**
  - a. Read by Lorraine
- 3) **Adoption of the agenda**

**Vote:**  
**M: Arla**  
**S: Aaron**  
**R: Unanimous**

- 4) **Approval of the minutes**
  - a. March 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Tabled to next meeting
- 5) **Business Arising from the minutes**
  - a. (none)
- 6) **Regular business**

a. School Field trips:

- Lachine Saul Bellow Library Trip
  - Grades 1 and 2
  - Storytime
  - Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - 9:00-11:15am
  - 10 adults, 86 students (1:9 ratio)
  - STM bus (ordered just for us)
  - No cost
  
- Lachine Saul Bellow Library Trip – 2<sup>nd</sup> trip
  - Meet an Author
  - Grade 1 – room 101
  - Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - 9:20-11:15am
  - 2 adults, 16 students (1:8 ratio)
  - STM bus (ordered just for us)
  - No cost
  
- Lachine Saul Bellow Library Trip – 3<sup>rd</sup> trip
  - Meet an Author
  - Grade 2
  - Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - 9:20-11:15am
  - 4 adults, 34 students (1:9 ratio)
  - STM bus (ordered just for us)
  - No cost
  
- Cinema Parc
  - Learn to break down films into plot structure
  - Grade 6
  - French movie : *Au Secours, j'ai rétréci ma prof*
  - Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - 9 :00am – 12 :15pm
  - 6 adults, 59 students (1 :10 ratio)
  - Travel via school bus
  - No cost

**Vote on school field trips:**

**M : Gabriela**

**S : Arla**

**R : Unanimous**

b. Daycare Field trips

- (none)

**7) Reports**

a. Principal's report :

- March 17 & 17 were parent teacher interviews.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, grade 1s went to the Ecomuseum.
- Grades 4-6 and HR303 went to see the play Grease at St Thomas on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> the grade 2s went to the Ecomuseum.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> was a board-wide PED day.

- Stop Animation workshops continue in grade 6.
- Planning is underway for staffing and allocation for 2023-2024 school year.
- Plans are also underway to move the K4s back to Maple Grove

Coming up:

- Dietician coming to K4 on April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Break is April 7-12<sup>th</sup>. Happy Easter and Passover to those who celebrate.
- 303,304 and 403 are going to the Planetarium on April 6<sup>th</sup>
- School dance is April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Eric Walters, the author, will be speaking to grade

b. Teachers/Staff :

- Sylvie Turcotte : Halo Run practices have begun with 41 kids participating (only grade 5 and 6). The run will take place on either May 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> (we requested the 10<sup>th</sup> to organizers).
- Arla Connell: : We had an Easter egg contest (run by the student activities committee) - guess the amount of eggs in the basket. Students will find out if their class won. Winning classes will receive a little box of chocolates. Kids were disappointed that school was closed on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> (due to the ice storm) as there was a field trip & dance planned.

c. Daycare

- (none)

d. Home & School (Gabriela Coutard):

- Pizza lunch was a success. We've had great turnout from parent volunteers for pizza & subway lunches.
- Approx. 70 kids signed up for the school dance. A new date will be set at the next Home & School meeting (seeing as it was cancelled due to the ice storm on April 6<sup>th</sup>).
- The book fair was a success. We now have over \$2000.00 in credits with Scholastic. Gabriella will send Ms Shizgal the information so the school can order books using the credits.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> paint night (for kids) was a success with 20 kids participating. The kids had a great time (as did the parent volunteers).

## 8) New Business

a. Daycare and Lunch Budget

- Tabled to our next meeting

b. Change of the June 7<sup>th</sup> Ped. Day

- Due to the provincial math exams for Grade 6 students (occurring June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>), we must move the ped. Day. Staff council has approved that the ped. Day be moved to June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Vote on item 8b**  
**M: Arla**  
**S: Lorraine**  
**R: Unanimous**

c. Change of school schedule for 2023-2024 school year

- We are now being obliged by the board to have the second recess time of 20 minutes in the afternoon. Currently, this 20 minutes is spread as follows:
  - 5 mins homeroom from 7:55am-8:00am
  - An extra 10 minutes of lunch (60 minutes instead of 50 11:)
  - 5 mins homeroom from 12:20-12:25
- Staff council recommends (and has approved) that we eliminate the homeroom times (10 mins total) and add this time to the end of the lunch period (which would increase from 60 to 70 minutes (11:20-12:30). This would meet the requirements of the school board.

**Vote on item 8c**

**M: Trehemba**

**S: Aaron**

**R: Unanimous**

## 9) Correspondence/Consultation

- a. (none)

## 10) Questions from the public

- a. (none)

## 11) Varia

- a. Home & School Fundraisers:

- Plantables ([www.plantables.ca](http://www.plantables.ca))
  - Plants are \$4.50 each, shipping is \$14.99 (free shipping for orders over \$75.00).
  - Orders are handled & shipped by the company directly to participants
  - Home & School gets 10% from the orders

**Vote on Plantables fundraiser**

**M: Arla**

**S: Trehemba**

**R: Unanimous**

- School BBQ
  - June 8<sup>th</sup> (backup day June 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - Food/drinks to be sold
  - Home & School to make all arrangements (fire protection, renting/borrowing necessary equipment eg: BBQ's, activities etc.)

**Vote on School BBQ Fundraiser**

**M: Arla**

**S: Sylvie**

**R: Unanimous**

## 12) Next Meeting

- a. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm @ Maple Grove staff room  
 b. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm @ Maple Grove staff room

## 13) Adjournment

**M: Arla @ 7:48pm**