

**Maple Grove Elementary School
Governing Board 2023-2024**

**Meeting Minutes
October 17th, 2023 @ 6:30pm (emergency meeting)
Via Zoom**

1. Call to order

a) Establishment of quorum

- **Present:** Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, Toni Lowe, David Marcogliese, Aaron Totton, Kevin Lariviere, Deborah Shizgal, Peggy Scott, Kathryn Fournier, Lianna Myrand.
- **Public:** Gabriela Coutard.
- **Absent:** Pamela Sherman.
- **Regrets:** Arla Connell, Sylvie Turcotte, Alicia Piercy, Oumy Dia, Terhemba Ambe-Uva, Corie Jordan, Joanne McGee, Bianca Mayo Viau, Aarwa Sheikh, Shayna Lee Angers, Amanda Lamb, Stacey Tottle, Patrick Whitham.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Mathieu Young.

2. Grad Committee Fundraisers

a. **Comedy Night Fundraiser**

i. Details presented by Gabriela Coutard:

- A Maple Grove parent is a producer for Just For Laughs. He can arrange for a comedian to perform free of charge. We don't know who the comedian is yet, but he'll let us know in advance.
- It will be an adults-only event. The producer prefers we keep it small since it's a first-time event, and we can gauge how it goes before possibly planning another one in the future. If it's a success, a bigger event might be possible. We will only sell enough tickets to reach the maximum legal capacity for the gym.
- Snacks will be sold (they will be sold from the staff room kitchen door). Chairs and a stage (platform) will be provided at no cost by the city.
- The event will take place in mid-November, and tickets will be \$20.00 each. The show will last approximately 60-90 minutes. We will do a full cleanup afterwards.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- **Q:** Will there be alcohol sold? → No.
- **Q:** Have the organizers done school shows before? There have been some inappropriate school shows at other venues in the past; we should follow the school philosophy. → The producer was asking if it needs to be PG so he can plan accordingly. A PG show is ok.
- **Q:** What's the cost? → Zero cost, 100% profit.
- **Q:** Will you have enough volunteers to run the event? → In the past, it's been hard to get adults to come in for adult events, so it will depend on how many tickets we sell.

- **Q:** What if no one volunteers? → We won't do the show.
- **Q:** We know the profits will go towards grad, but what exactly? → We'll start with the smaller expenses like decorations and other smaller costs, but ultimately we're hoping to lower the cost of the grad trip.
- **Q:** What's the minimum number of tickets we'd need to sell? → There's no minimum for us, but we'd have to run that by the producer.
- **Q:** Does the stage need to be set up during the day? That could disrupt classes. → I don't think so, but if we can't get the stage, the producer can manage.
- **Q:** Could we borrow Lakeside's auditorium? → We already asked the producer and he said no, he prefers to start small.
- **Q:** Do you also need tables to go with the chairs? → No, but we can ask the city if we feel we will need some.
- **Q:** How will you get snacks if you have no costs? → We're buying them from Costco, but not using H&S funds.
- **Q:** Can the city guarantee to pick up the chairs and stage so it doesn't interfere with school activities? → We'd stack them up on the trolley and keep them in the hallway so they don't take up space in the gym.
- **Comment:** Mrs Shizgal reminded us that we have Phys Ed classes in the hallway 3 days a week this year.
- Motion to approve this comedy event by Aaron Totton, seconded by Lorraine Deliva: 7 votes in favor, 2 abstentions. The motion passes.

b. Bake-sale

i. Details presented by Gabriela Coutard:

- We will do it on Parent-Teacher Night and it will be led by the grade 6 students (the students will be at the table with an adult). It will be in conjunction with the coffee that they were already planning to sell.
- All the baked goods will be considered "may contain nuts".
- We can only sell to adults; kids must be accompanied by adults.
- We will set up in the foyer.
- Motion to approve this bake sale by Peggy Scott, seconded by David Marcogliese: voted unanimously in favor.

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Peggy Scott at 6:51pm.