

**Maple Grove Elementary School
Governing Board 2023-2024
Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2023 at 6:30pm
Maple Grove Staff Lounge**

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

a) Establishment of quorum

MEMBERS: Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, David Marcogliese, Terhemba Ambe-Uva, Pamela Sherman, Joanne McGee, Bianca Mayo-Viau.

STAFF: Kathy Fournier, Lianna Myrand, Sylvie Turcotte, Arla Connell, Debbie Shizgal, Alicia Piercy.

PUBLIC: Aaron Totton.

REGRETS: Toni Lowe, Oumy Dia, Kevin Lariviere, Corie Jordan, Aarma Sheikh, Shayna Lee Angers, Peggy Scott, Patrick Whitham.

2. Land acknowledgement

Read by Mathieu Young.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by David Marcogliese, seconded by Kathy Fournier, voted unanimously in favour.

4. Approval of the minutes

a) October 11, 2023

b) October 17, 2023

Motion to approve minutes for both meetings by Kathy Fournier, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

5. Business arising from the minutes

a) Election of Treasurer

David Marcogliese self-nominated. No other candidates; David was acclaimed.

b) Consultation: Protection of Personal Information (deadline: November 17)

No comments to add.

c) Consultation: Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program AND Continuing Education Fees Policy (deadline: November 17)

No comments to add.

d) Consultation: By-Law 9 Complaint Process (deadline: November 17)

No comments to add.

6. Regular business

a) School field trips

i) Circus Arts Camp

- École de Cirque Verdun
- For grades 5 and 6
- January 11 for grade 5 and January 12 for grade 6
- Tri is from 8:15am-1:45pm
- Transport by school bus
- Cost is \$20.00 per student for transport
- 6 adults and 53 students for a 1:9 ratio
- The entrance fee is covered by École Montrealaise; we only pay for the bus

Motion to approve by Arla Connel, seconded by Pamela Sherman, voted unanimously in favour.

ii) Blanket approval for École Montréalaise field trips

- Some field trips' cost are completely covered by École Montréalaise
- Booking the trips is time-sensitive; we have missed out on many trips because of inability to get Governing Board approval

Motion to give blanket approval for the year for all field trips that are paid completely by École Montréalaise and free of charge to us, that meet the ratio requirement, and that fall within school hours by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by Joanne McGee; voted unanimously in favour.

iii) Daycare field trips

None (Peggy absent)

7. Reports

a) GB Chair

- Mathieu attended the online Governing Board training webinar. There's a recording available if anyone wants to watch it; he will forward it to everyone.

b) Principal

- Thursday October 12th the K4 and K5 Interim Reports went home hard copy
- Friday October 13th was the Teachers Convention. The school was closed, no daycare.
- Interim Reports were released digitally for grades 1-6 on October 13th.
- October 17th was the Cross Country Run for our grade 4s.
- October 20th there was a Presentation in K4 by The Petit Valise
- Transco Bus strike started on October 31st. It is affecting 4 of our bus routes. We are planning for the third week of the strike
- Halloween was on October 31st. There was a parade, a costume contest and the pumpkin contest. Good fun was had by all.
- Photo Retake Day was Nov. 2nd
- End of Term 1 was November 3rd
- Pizza Lunch was on Nov 3 as well
- Monday November 6th was a Teacher Strike Day. School will begin at 11:00 with arrival at 10:50.

Coming Up:

- November 9th we have D'Jembe drummers for the Cycle 1s
- Book Fair November 9th and 10th

- Remembrance Day commemoration at Lakeside on November 10th
- P/T Interviews will be on Friday November 24th. We are waiting for the official strike information before planning the replacement for November 23rd.
- November 30th is our Comedy Night fundraiser benefiting the grads.

c) Teacher/Staff

Sylvie Turcotte:

- Game of the week is now volleyball. Grade 4's are continuing playing games, but 5&6 are playing volleyball.

Arla Connell:

- Grade 3's are on Chromebooks for the first time.
- Teachers are getting ready for report cards.

d) Daycare

No report

e) Home & School

Lorraine Deliva:

- The Linktree is active, and the QR code is ready. Lorraine gave printouts of the QR code to Mrs Shizgal to post in the school, and she will also send it to her by email.
- BoSpain fundraiser is ongoing, Felix & Norton just started, Book Fair starts tomorrow, and Subway lunch is November 22 (we will need to reschedule for the school strike).
- Lorraine went to the QFHSA Fall Conference on November 6; there are ideas to present at the next Home & School meeting, but nothing for Governing Board at this time.

f) PC Rep

David Marcogliese:

- It was the first meeting of the year, so mostly just introductions.
- Oumy emailed a report for everyone to review.

g) Commissioner

Patrick Whitham emailed a report for everyone to review in his absence.

8. New business

a) Internal Rules of Management

Corrections that were approved from 2021 were finally made. Thanks to Sylvie Turcotte for making the update.

Additional changes suggested:

- Page 4: Under the section for vice-chair, remove the "S" to change "replaces" to "replace";
- Page 6: Correct the spelling of "Observers" and "Substitutes";
- Page 7: Remove the "vote by email" section;
- Page 7: Add "Establishment of Quorum" to the "Call to Order" item on the agenda;
- Page 7: Add an item for "Land Acknowledgement" to the agenda;
- Page 7: Add an item for "Regular Business" to the agenda;
- Annex A: Change the month from "November" to "February";
- Annex B: Remove the motion registry;
- Annex C: Remove this entire annex;
- Annex D: Remove this entire annex;

- Modify the table of contents to reflect the removal of annexes, and to add “Regular members and Substitute members”.

Motion to approve all of these changes by Terhemba Ambe-Uva, seconded by David Marcogliese, voted unanimously in favour.

9. Correspondence/Consultation

a) Enrolment Criteria Policy

No comments to add.

10. Questions from the public

11. Varia

- a) Bianca Mayo-Viau would like to advise that she is going back to school as of February 1st 2024 and might not make all meetings after that date.

b) Next meeting

December 13th at 6:30pm in person. We will have a food spread to celebrate the last meeting before the holidays.

c) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lorraine Deliva at 7:19pm.