

Maple Grove Elementary School - Governing Board 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

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March 13th, 2024, 6:30pm in the Maple Grove Staff room

1) Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

a) Establishment of quorum

MEMBERS: Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, David Marcogliese, Aaron Totton.

STAFF: Debbie Shizgal, Sylvie Turcotte, Kathryn Fournier, Arla Connell, Lianna Myrand, Alicia Piercy, Peggy Scott.

PUBLIC: Terhemba Ambe-Uva.

REGRETS: Patrick Whitham, Oumy Dia, Toni Lowe, Pamela Sherman, Joanne McGee, Kevin Lariviere, Corie Jordan, Aarma Sheikh, Shayna Lee Angers, Bianca Mayo-Viau.

2) Land acknowledgement

Read by Mathieu Young.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Arla Connell, seconded by David Marcogliese, voted unanimously in favour.

4) Approval of the minutes

a) February 14th, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes by David Marcogliese, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

5) Business arising from the minutes

None.

6) Regular business

a) School field trips

i) Qui Lira Vaincra: quarter-finals

- March 26, 2024 at Dorval Elementary from 930am-10:30am

- Transportation via teacher carpooling; parents will need to sign permission forms

- Grade 6 students plus 3 teachers will be attending

Motion to approve by Lianna Myrand, seconded by Alicia Piercy, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Daycare field trips

None.

7) Reports

a) GB Chair

- Principal selection criteria submitted

b) Principal

- Feb 15 was grad photo day
- Feb 16th was the end of term 2
- Feb 22nd we had assemblies to discuss behaviour, expectations and our new Incident Report Sheets
- Feb. 23rd was the school dance. Thank you to all the volunteers. Special thanks to Mme Genevieve for being at the dance due to my absence.
- On Feb 26th we had the petting zoo for our Carnival Week. We had alpacas, sheep and goats roaming the school yard. Good fun was had by animals and children alike.
- On Feb 27th we had tire on snow for everyone.
- Also on Feb 27th grades 3-5 were treated to a Black History Month Fair presented by the grade 6s. The grade 6s did a fabulous job of presenting their heroes to the younger grades.
- Feb 28th was Pink Shirt Day where we stood up against bullying, an ongoing theme for us.
- Feb 29th brought us TCBY as a special treat.
- March 1st was movie and popcorn day. Special thanks to the resource staff who popped popcorn all day.
- March 11th term 2 reports were released
- March 12th there was a marionette presentation for grade 2 and today the presentation was for grade 1.
- March 12th also had Archiophone for a presentation on Algonquins and Iroquois from grade 3.
- March 12th was also the first of 6 workshops from AMCAL for one grade 4 class on Building my Best Self.
- March 12th was also Grad photo retake day.

Coming Up:

- The SPVM will be presenting workshops for grades 4, 5 and 6 on bullying and cyber safety.
- Scholastic Book Fair is on Thursday March 14th.
- Parent /Teacher Interviews are also on the 14th and are by invitation only.
- K4 will have Reptizoo on March 14th
- We are celebrating St Patrick's Day on Friday March 15th. Everyone is invited to wear green.
- March 28th Grade 4 Vaccination Day
- The March 18th PED Day has been changed to April 8th due to the solar eclipse.
- All students and staff will be issued special safety glasses to wear during the eclipse.

c) Teacher/Staff

Presented by Arla Connell:

- FRAX workshop: similar to Reflex, but only with fractions. We won a grant from Reflex to have FRAX in the school. Kids who finished Reflex are on FRAX.
- The play is going well, participants are enjoying it.

Presented by Sylvie Turcotte:

- Halo letters will go out next week. First practice is March 18.

d) Daycare

- The kids loved the bowling. The location was great.
- Looking at June 7 to go to Park Safari.
- Steady numbers in daycare so far.

e) Home & School

- Book fair will be this week
- **Fundraiser: GRAME scrap metal drive**
 - a) To take place on April 19
 - b) We will try to organize home pick-ups
 - c) We would like to put up posters around the school
 - d) We will get a list of items that can be collected
- **Fundraiser: End-of-year BBQ**
 - a) To take place on June 6 (rain or shine, no backup date is possible)
 - b) We will get BBQs from the pool again
 - c) We will try to get tables and bins from the city again
 - d) We will work on getting vendors like last year; we will be able to get the firefighters again
- Motion to approve both fundraisers by Peggy Scott, seconded by David Marcogliese, voted unanimously in favour.

f) PC Rep

Oumy Dia is not in attendance and David Marcogliese missed last meeting; no report.

g) Commissioner

Patrick Whitham is not in attendance; he emailed his report in his absence.

8) New business

a) Daycare budget

- Presented by Peggy Scott.
- Motion to approve the budget by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by David Marcogliese, voted unanimously in favour.

9) Correspondence/Consultation

a) Lester B Pearson 2024-2025 Budget Consultation

- Due March 28.
- Nothing to add at this time.

b) Consultation - By-law 1 and 1E

- Due April 12.
- Nothing to add at this time.

c) Consultation - 2024-2025 Governing Board Composition

- Due April 4.
- We are 16 members: 7 parent members, 6 teachers, 1 daycare member, and 2 community members.
- We will keep the composition as-is for now.

10) Questions from the public

None.

11) Varia

None.

12) Next meeting

Wednesday, April 10 may not be possible (conflicts with the Qui Lira Vaincra semifinals).

It was agreed to skip the April meeting.

The next meeting will be May 8 at 6:30pm in the Maple Grove staff lounge. An emergency Zoom meeting will be called if necessary.

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Peggy Scott at 7:30pm.