

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**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:** Terhembra 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 9:30am-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 14<sup>th</sup>
- 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.