

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

**Meeting Agenda**

**May 8th, 2024, 6:30pm in the Maple Grove Staff room**

**1) Call to order**

Called to order at 6:39pm.

**a) Establishment of quorum**

**MEMBERS:** Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, Toni Lowe, Aaron Totton, Joanne McGee.

**STAFF:** Deborah Shizgal, Arla Connell, Sylvie Turcotte, Kathryn Fournier, Alicia Piercy.

**PUBLIC:** None.

**REGRETS:** Oumy Dia, Terhembe Ambe-Uva, David Marcogliese, Pamela Sherman, Kevin Lariviere, Bianco Mayo-Viau, Corie Jordan, Aarma Sheikh, Shayna Lee Angers, Lianna Myrand, Patrick Whitham.

**2) Land acknowledgement**

Read by Mathieu Young.

**3) Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by Kathryn Fournier, voted unanimously in favour.

**4) Approval of the minutes**

**a) March 13th, 2024**

- Amendment: the Halo race will be March 27.

**b) April 16th, 2024 (emergency meeting)**

Motion to accept the March minutes with the amendment and to accept the April minutes as presented by Kathryn Fournier, seconded by Sylvie Turcotte, voted unanimously in favour.

**5) Business arising from the minutes**

**a) None.**

**6) Regular business**

**a) School field trips**

**Spectacle des Contes**

- To see "Le Bateau Enchanté" at the Saul-Bellow Library

- May 23, from 9:30am to 11:15am

- For cycle 1

- Transportation by STM bus

- 10 adults and 84 children, a ratio of 1:9

- No cost to the parents

Motion to approve by Kathryn Fournier, seconded by Arla Connell, voted unanimously in favour.

**Planetarium**

- To enhance student learning of our solar system
- June 12, from 10:00am to 1:15pm
- For grade 4
- Transportation by school bus
- 8 adults and 6 children, a ratio of 1:7.5
- No cost to parents

Cost is covered by École Montréalaise, which has blanket approval for the year. No vote is necessary.

**Terry Fox Run (2024-2025)**

- The decision to either walk the neighborhood or stay at the school will be left for the new staff next year.
- If the students leave the school grounds, there will be a police escort.
- Cycle 1 will likely stay in the school yard.
- Sue (the indigenous consultant) suggested making a quilt to acknowledge National Truth and Reconciliation Day and doing the walk with it; we feel these are two separate issues and that they should remain separate so that neither issue takes away from the other.
- There is no cost to parents for the walk, but donations will be accepted.
- The walk will take place at the end of September with the exact date still to be determined.

Motion to approve by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by Alicia Piercy, voted unanimously in favour.

**b) Daycare field trips**

None.

**7) Reports**

**a) GB Chair**

No report.

**b) Principal**

- March 14th was our Scholastic Book Fair
- March 14th was also the Repti Zoo for the K4s
- Parent/Teacher Interviews were on March 14th by invitation only.
- We celebrated St Patrick's Day on March 15th.
- March 18th was supposed to be a PED Day but was changed to April 8th, the day of the solar eclipse.
- The SPVM met with grades 4, 5 and 6 to discuss bullying and cyberbullying.
- March 22nd Portrait X presented to the grade 6s about healthy relationships with friends, families and peers.
- March 26th the grade 3s went to the Cosmodome
- March 26th was also the first session of Amcal for 401. The theme is Being Your Best Self.
- Vaccination Day for grade 4s was on March 28th. Thank you to the volunteers!

- April 11th was a concert at Lakeside for grades 4, 5 and 6. It was a concert performed by Innu and Quebecois artists. Grade 6s created the Land Acknowledgment and MG presented the artists with jars of honey.
- In preparation for Literacy Week we had guest readers Enrico Ciccione, Maya Vodanovic, our mayor, Liam Mahoney, Debi Dixon our regional director and Bruno Saint-Onge, our resident firefighter.
- April 17th was the Qui lira vaincra reading competition. Our team placed third overall amongst over 25 teams.
- April 22 grade 3 welcomes Mr Tim to help prepare them for the trip to Droulers.
- April 23rd was the first school board dance off. We came in first place in the competition. The students did a fabulous job.
- Our Used Book Sale was on April 22nd and 23rd benefiting the grads.
- Literacy Night was April 25th. Our partners were Literacy Unlimited and the Lachine Library. Many families came out to learn about what was going on in their child's classroom. Every student received a new book especially chosen for our school.
- The staff had BMS training on our April 29th PED Day.
- May 1st we had presentations from No Time For That about bullying
- On May 2nd, Geordie Production of Perfect Storm took place at Lakeside for grades 2-6.
- May 7th was the Junior Cross Country Race for grades 2 and 3. They had a beautiful day which was lots of fun.
- May 8th, today was the Halo Road Race on Mount Royal for students in grade 5 and 6. The students have been training hard. Good fun was had despite the rain.

Coming Up:

- Grade 3 is going to Droulers to visit a longhouse on May 13th
- On May 14th there is a dominos pizza fundraiser for grads
- May 17th is our Grad Trip day.
- May 20th is Victoria Day
- On May 21st Kwami Osei will be speaking to our school in two sessions about empowerment, resilience and to tell us his success story.

**c) Teacher/Staff**

**Arla Connell:**

- Junior cross-country run for grades K4 to 3 in Baie d'Urfe. Runs are gender based. The kids enjoyed being outside and they all finished the run except for one who had some breathing issues. Other schools complimented Maple Grove's school spirit.
- On May 13 the grade 3's are going to St Anicet to see a reconstructed log house. They will also play lacrosse there. We'll see if it's feasible to to it again next year.

**Sylvie Turcotte:**

- Halo race today had 38 runners, plus one injured.
- Track & field forms were sent home from grades 4-6.
- Spin Jeu is coming back on June 18 (rain or shine). We were able to order more games this year, and we will add some in-house games. This is paid by a grant.

**d) Daycare**

No report.

**e) Home & School**

- Pizza lunch is this Friday and Subway lunch is May 22
- Dominoes at home is coming up
- The scrap metal fundraiser was the weekend of April 19-21
- We approved funding one child to go to Camp Amy Molson and one family to go to Camp Marigold
- We finally bought the Cricut machine for the school
- The end-of-year BBQ planning is under way (June 6, rain or shine)
- The school supply lists for School Start have been submitted and we have the link.
- We have many items lined up for the silent auction, set to launch on May 17.
- We'll have a list of fundraisers to approve for September at the next meeting.

**f) PC Rep**

No report.

**g) Commissioner**

Patrick Whitham is absent but sent a report. One noteworthy item is that the school board will be fixing out bricks and window sills next year.

**8) New business**

**a) School Calendar**

Motion to approve by Kathryn Fournier, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

**b) Une Cantine pour tous**

- This is a pay-what-you-can system for hot/cold lunches for students and staff.
- The actual price is \$6.00/day, but parents pay what they can (minimum of \$1.00).
- There are 2 hot meal and 2 cold meal options.
- We have to offer it 5 days per week, but there is no obligation for anyone to order for all 5 days.
- Lunch monitors cannot distribute, so students will be recruited to do it. They will alternate the days.
- Peggy Scott is willing to help where she can.
- Payments are done online, so the school doesn't have to handle it.
- The catering company is Relais Populaire de Lachine.
- This has been approved at Board level, but the school needs to submit an application to the organization. If we're approved, we'll be the first English school in Lachine to have it.

Motion to approve by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by Alicia Piercy, voted unanimously in favour.

**9) Correspondence/Consultation**

**a) ["Our School Survey" letter regarding data](#)**

- A survey for grades 4-5-6 to fill out
- There is a glitch, so the data will be skewed; we can't use it this year

**10) Questions from the public**

None.

**11) Varia**

None.

**12) Next meeting**

June 12th, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Maple Grove staff lounge.

**13) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm by Lorraine Deliva.