

Maple Grove Elementary School - Governing Board 2024-2025
Meeting Minutes
September 18th 2024, 6:30pm @ Maple Grove School

1) Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

a) Establishment of quorum

MEMBERS: Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, Aaron Totton, Cathenna Michaud, Debbie Carbray, Joanne McGee.

STAFF: Aaryn Bradley, Arla Connell, Lianna Myrand, Vanessa Russo, Sylvie Turcotte.

PUBLIC: Patrick Whitham.

REGRETS: Vanessa Boodoosingh.

2) Land acknowledgement

Read by Mathieu Young.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Arla Connell, voted unanimously in favour.

4) Approval of the minutes

a) September 3, 2024

The Regrets section should only list the names of those who actually sent regrets. Any other names should be omitted. Minutes should always list the attendance in this manner going forward.

Motion to accept the minutes with this modification by Sylvie Turcotte, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

5) Business arising from the minutes

a) Review the 2023-2024 annual report & recommendations

The report was reviewed by Mathieu Young.

6) Introduction of Governing Board Members

Each member was given the opportunity to present themselves.

7) Appointments

a) Appointment of (1) Parent Member seat (1 year term)

Pamela Sherman has stepped down from the 2nd year of her term. Joanne McGee was nominated to replace her, and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations; Joanne McGee was acclaimed as the new 7th parent member.

b) Appointment of (3) Alternate Parent Members

It was suggested to make a post on the schools Facebook page to advise that there are spaces open for Governing Board alternate members.

c) Appointment of (2) Community Representatives

It was suggested to approach the church across the street on Meadowbrook, and to also ask Kathryn Fournier.

8) Elections

a) Description of the roles and responsibilities of the executive

Mathieu Young reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the executive roles.

b) Election of Chairperson

Mathieu Young was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations; Mathieu Young was acclaimed.

c) Election of Vice-Chairperson

Joanne McGee was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations; Joanne McGee was acclaimed.

d) Election of Secretary

Lorraine Deliva was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations; Lorraine Deliva was acclaimed.

e) Election of Treasurer

Aaron Totton was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations; Aaron Totton was acclaimed.

9) 2024-2025 Governing Board meeting dates

a) How often

We will continue to have monthly meetings.

b) When

We will continue to have the meetings on Wednesdays.

c) How (in person or virtual)

We will have meetings in person, but virtual meetings are more likely in the winter.

10) Regular business

a) School field trips

i) Blanket approval for neighborhood walks

- For health & wellness, and to be able to go to Lakeside for events in their auditorium
- Walking distance must be within 2km of the school
- For all students
- One teacher per class
- Approval valid from September 2024 to June 2025

ii) Blanket approval for École Montréalaise field trips

- Field trips where the cost is covered by École Montréalaise
- For all students
- Teacher:student ratio must be respected on all trips
- Approval valid from September 2024 to June 2025

iii) Terry Fox

- Approved in May 2024

- This year we will not set a goal, we will just accept donations

iv) Running Club

- Every Tuesday for the first half hour of lunch
- The students will run about a 2km radius around the school neighborhood

v) Senior Cross Country Run

- Morgan Arboretum, October 22
- Grade 4 students
- 1:10 ratio
- Transportation by school bus
- Cost is \$20.00 per student

vi) Orange Shirt Day

- To be observed on September 24
 - Indigenous musical performance at Lakeside to commemorate National Truth & Reconciliation Day
 - Afternoon assembly outside on Maple Grove school grounds
- Motion to approve all field trips by Joanne McGee, seconded by Lianna Myrand, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Daycare field trips

None.

11) Reports

a) GB Chair

It would be good to have more community involvement this year.

b) Principal

- Corn roast tomorrow, September 19
- Breakfast Club starts on September 23
- There will be a Zoom on September 23 with the Terry Fox Foundation that teachers can join
- There will be Orange Shirt Day celebrations on September 24
- Terry Fox run on September 26
- Staff will be working on IEP's on September 27
- Attendance Day and Photo Day are on September 30
- We will fly a special flag on September 30
- The school fees are now all on Mozaik
- Most of our committees have met at least once
- Halloween plans are under way
- LOOKING AHEAD:
- There have been 2 fire drills so far
- Lockdown practice on October 1
- Interim report cards on October 11

c) Teacher/Staff

- Sylvie Turcotte: Game Of The Week started this week. Students in grades 4-6 that are interested can choose to play the game of the week instead of going outside.

- Arla Connell: School board math exams for grades 3 and 5 are cancelled for this year, but grade 6 will still have their ministry exam.
- Vanessa Russo: We are still settling in and going over expectations.

d) Daycare

No report.

e) Home & School

- Due to low attendance, elections will be done at the October meeting.
- Grad committee was formed.
- Approval request: we would like to have a table at the corn roast to introduce ourselves to parents, and we would like to do a draw for a \$50 Walmart gift card. Tickets will sell for \$2 each, or 3 tickets for \$5. We will draw the winner at the end of the corn roast. Motion to approve the draw by Joanne McGee, seconded by Cathenna Michaud, voted unanimously in favour.

f) PC Rep

No report.

g) Commissioner

- Council report was emailed to us; it was a small, quick meeting.
- Upcoming elections: the process will start on September 20. If there will be elections, the voting will be on November 3. Please make sure that you are on the list of electors for the English school board (anyone on the electoral list can vote, whether they have school-age children or not).
- A note for the next meeting: since it will be during pre-election, if Patrick Whitham is invited, all election candidates must also be invited.

12) New business

a) School grad committee fundraisers (blanket approval)

The teachers are planning a snack sale at the corn roast tomorrow (selling snacks and juice boxes), but have requested a blanket approval for the school year. After some discussion, it was decided to only consider the snack sale for now. Motion to approve the snack sale by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by Cathenna Michaud, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Rules of Internal Management

- Should we add a stipulation that if a parent member misses 3 consecutive meetings, they automatically forfeit their seat on the committee?
- This will be tabled until the next meeting to give everyone more time to review.

13) Correspondence/Consultation

a) None.

14) Questions from the public

None.

15) Varia

- A Google search of Maple Grove shows that we are located in Pierrefonds. This should be corrected.
- Has any headway been made to have one-way signs installed on the front driveway? Aaryn Bradley will follow up with Mme Genevieve.

16) Next meeting

- a) October 9 at 6:30pm in the staff lounge.

17) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm by Cathenna Michaud.