

## Maple Grove Elementary School - Governing Board 2024-2025

### Meeting Minutes

November 13th 2024, 6:30pm @ Maple Grove School

#### 1) Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.

##### a) Establishment of quorum

**MEMBERS:** Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, Cathenna Michaud, Aaron Totton, Joanne McGee, Vanessa Boodoosingh, Nicolas Deschenes.

**STAFF:** Lianna Myrand, Sylvie Turcotte, Arla Connell, Maria Lazaris, Aaryn Bradley.

**PUBLIC:** Sarah Fortin, Ria Rombough.

**REGRETS:** Oumy Dia, Patrick Whitham.

#### 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) October 9th, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes by Nicholas Deschenes, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.

##### b) November 6th 2024 (emergency)

Tabled until next month.

#### 5) Business arising from the minutes

##### a) Alternate parent members (3 open seats)

i) Ria Rombough has asked to join as an alternate member.

Motion to approve by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

#### 6) Regular business

##### a) School field trips

###### i) Lachine library visits

- No cost to parents
- December 3&4, February 4&5, April 1&2, June 3&4
- STM bus
- 80 students; teachers will send message to parents for volunteers

###### ii) Circus arts workshop

- Falls under École Montréalaise, but in this case only the workshop is covered
- \$20 charge for the bus needs to be approved

Motion to approve for both field trips by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.

- b) School Activities  
(none)
- c) Daycare field trips  
(none)

## 7) Reports

### a) GB Chair

- We are glad to welcome Ria Rombough.
- Reminder to please reach out to people to try and fill the other open seats.

### b) Principal

- Nov 8th was dress down for donations for Remembrance Day (all proceeds to our local Legion).
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Activities in the gym (reading of A Parade to Remember followed by the bagpiper).
- Nov 15 Ped day - Enrichment Exams for Grade 6
- Nov 20th report cards
- UPDATE - Breakfast Club - following the proper set up (menu)
- UPDATE - K5 at LS comes over to MG daily for lunch play!
- UPDATE - Shoebox Project Grade 6 has collected approx. 20 shoeboxes. DONATIONS WELCOME

#### Looking Ahead:

- Dec 3 Math Olympics at Lakeside
- Holiday activities throughout December!!!
- Dec 17th Pancake Breakfast for the kids!

### c) Teacher/Staff

- Sylvie Turcotte: Many grade 5 & 6 students registered to participate in the volleyball practices at lunch. They are improving and enjoying themselves. More information will be shared at the next meeting as they progress.
- Lianna Myrand: Cycle 1 will be starting monthly assemblies. Each class will have the opportunity to present their class animal.
- Arla Connell: Cycle 2 is proud of their students for memorizing In Flanders Fields and presenting it to the school; \$200 raised for veterans. Run Club (run by Miss Cirino and Mr Davidson) is going very well. Math Olympics practice is continuing, the event will be Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lakeside. We have a few first-year student teachers with us now who started this week.

### d) Daycare

No report.

### e) Home & School

- Book Fair went very well considering it was not aligned with parent-teacher night. We made \$2539.70 in net sales and earned \$736.91 in redeemable credit.
- Dominos pizza night was yesterday. We shared it as much as we could. We don't have the numbers yet.
- New fundraiser: Fundscrip.

- We are starting the holiday wreath auction soon. We have room for a few more staff members if anyone else wants to join in.
- APPROVAL REQUIRED: Grad committee is planning a Comedy Night. Three proposed dates: February 6, April 1, or April 17. We will have professional comedians from Just For Laughs. The event is for adults only. We would have it in the gym, get chairs from the city, and sell snacks and drinks. Ticket price is \$20 per ticket, managed through an online platform. Arla Connell suggests February 6 would be the best date – the Board agrees. Motion to approve the event on February 6 by Lianna Myrand, seconded by Maria Lazaris, voted unanimously in favour.
- BoSapin is up to 9 orders, we'll get more numbers soon.
- Subway lunches have started again. We're now ordering for 4 months at a time.
- APPROVAL REQUIRED: Trying to do pizza lunches with Pizza Pizza. Trying to get in touch with the manager to confirm all the details. Pizza Pizza is less expensive than Domino's, so we can keep the same price and make a bit more profit. We can also get extra-large, which will help to reduce the number of pizzas we need to order, and they offer a free pizza for the volunteers. We will continue doing only cheese at \$2.50 per slice, separate signup form, but we will have a separate order form for it. Payment will need to be by cash only. Proposed first date: December 4 or 11. We would like to request a blanket approval for the school year. Motion to approve by Vanessa Boodoosingh, seconded by Nicolas Deschenes, voted unanimously in favour.
- APPROVAL REQUIRED: Grad committee would like to have a bake sale in the school lobby at the parent-teacher meetings, November 21-22. We would sell snacks, baked goods, and drinks. Motion to approve by Arla Connell, seconded by Nicolas Deschenes, voted unanimously in favour.

**f) PC Rep**

- Longer meeting than usual due to elections.
- There will be a free Governing Board training on November 21, open to Governing Board parents and the public.
- The next meeting is November 21.

**g) Commissioner**

No report.

**8) New business**

**a) Appointment of new PC Rep (Oumy has stepped down)**

Aaron Totton was nominated and accepted to take on the role of PC Rep. We now need an alternate PC Rep. Nomination for Joanne McGee; Joanne accepts the nomination. There are no other candidates; Joanne McGee is acclaimed as alternate PC Rep.

**b) Walker's gate safety**

- People park on the wrong side of Meadowbrook.
- Parents are welcome to reach out to the city regarding the street signs.

**9) Correspondence/Consultation**

- a) The next PC meeting is on November 21st, 6:30pm at LBPSB offices (1925 Brookdale, Dorval).
- b) There will be a Governing Board training on November 21st, 8pm at LBPSB offices (1925 Brookdale, Dorval)

#### **10) Questions from the public**

#### **11) Varia**

- Question: Why are there tires in the play yard? Answer: A teacher brought them in for the kids to play with. They're the same tires as what you'd use in a ninja park. The students are finding very creative ways to play with them.
- Question: Are there any updates about making the front driveway a one-way? Answer: Please email Aaryn Bradley, she will follow up.

#### **12) Next meeting**

- a) Wednesday December 11th 2024, 6:30pm @ Maple Grove
  - Catering: allocation of a budget of \$200.00 to have the December meeting catered. Motion by Lorraine Deliva, seconded by Cathenna Michaud, voted unanimously in favour.

#### **13) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:52pm by Lorraine Deliva.