

Maple Grove Elementary School - Governing Board 2024-2025

Meeting Minutes

December 11th 2024, 6:30pm @ Maple Grove School

1) Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

a) Establishment of quorum

MEMBERS: Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, Aaron Totton, Vanessa Boodoosingh, Joanne McGee, Nicolas Deschenes, Ria Rombough.

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

PUBLIC: Debbie Carbray, Patrick Whitham.

REGRETS: Sarah Fortin.

2) Land acknowledgement

Read by Mathieu Young.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Nicolas Deschenes, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.

4) Approval of the minutes

a) November 6th 2024 (emergency meeting)

b) November 13th 2024

Motion to approve minutes from both meetings by Joanne McGee, seconded by Nicolas Deschenes, voted unanimously in favour.

5) Business arising from the minutes

a) None.

6) Regular business

a) School field trips

b) Daycare field trips

No field trips to approve.

7) Reports

a) GB Chair

Oumy Dia has stepped down from Governing Board. We will replace her at the next meeting.

b) Principal

- Remembrance Day activities were meaningful and enjoyed by all.
- K5 continues to enjoy lunch outdoor play with the other two K5 classes at MG
- Grade 6 Shoebox Project was a success!
- Aveole made beeswax candles with our Grade 1 students!

- Lakeside Leadership students made ornaments with our K4 students
- Math Olympics at Lakeside, we are proud of our students
- Lakeside students and our K4 students – French reading buddies
- Grade 6 went to Musée Armand Frappier
- Maple Grove's grade 6 reading buddies with our K4 students
- Grade 2 Tortue Berlué
- Grades 3-6 enjoyed Shakespeare in the Lakeside auditorium
- December 9 was a Ped day

Looking ahead...

December 17th:

- Student holiday breakfast in the gym

December 18th:

- K4 Holiday songs for K4 parents

December 20th:

- Shortened day: end of day bell rings at 11:25 am, buses leave at 11:35 am and daycare closes at 4:00 pm.

January 6th:

- Welcome back and welcome 2025!

c) Teacher/Staff

- Volleyball tournament coming up on January 9
- There will be activities next week
- Scavenger hunt around the neighborhood and Name That Tune contest

d) Daycare

The kids enjoyed the cinema Ped day.

e) Home & School

- Approved to fund a bus for Halo; will revisit funding for Track & Field later
- Subway lunch and hopefully also pizza lunch next week
- FundScrip gift cards to be delivered next week
- BoSapin in going well

f) PC Rep

- Aaron attended the GB training
- Next PC meeting: December 12th 6:30pm on Zoom

g) Commissioner

Mr Whitham emailed his report.

8) New business

a) School Budget

Presented by Aaryn Bradley. Motion to approve by Peggy Scott, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Daycare Budget

Presented by Peggy Scott. Motion to approve by Nicolas Deschenes, seconded by Arla Connell, voted unanimously in favour.

c) Home & School approvals

- Honey Sale

- Looking to fund a zootherapy activity in the classrooms
- Mme Karina is looking into the cost
- Suggestion: \$5-\$7 per jar
- School Start
 - Time to renew is coming up
 - Our school is entered in a contest to win \$1000 if we register early
- School Dance
 - Proposed date: April 17
 - Cathenna knows a DJ who owes her a favor
 - We will sell snacks & drinks (no popcorn)
 - We can sell tickets in advance and at the door (\$5.00 per child)
 - Parents must stay with their children
 - Cycles 2-3
 - Waiver for parents to sign

Motion to approve all fundraisers by Lianna Myrand, seconded by Ria Rombough, voted unanimously in favour.

d) Teacher-student grad committee approvals

- Teachers: yearbook and grad trip
- Grad committee: grad sweaters and lunch

Motion for blanket approval by Peggy Scott, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.

9) Correspondence/Consultation

- a) None.

10) Questions from the public

Q: West Lachine pool is not getting the tax exemptions they usually get. Will this affect any school activities?

A: No.

11) Varia

- a) Vacant parent member position
 - We still have 3 alternate positions open.
- b) Any changes to the Lakeside playground for K4/K5?
 - Not yet.

12) Next meeting

February 12, 2025 at 6:30pm via Zoom. We will call an emergency meeting in January if necessary.

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Peggy Scott at 7:59pm.