

Maple Grove Elementary School - Governing Board 2024-2025

Meeting Minutes

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February 12th, 6:30pm via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 843 5993 6231

Passcode: MapleGB

1) Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

a) Establishment of quorum

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

STAFF: Aaryn Bradley, Sylvie Turcotte, Will Davidson, Lianna Myrand, Arla Connell.

PUBLIC: Patrick Whitham, Sarah Fortin, Debbie Carbray.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Nicolas Deschênes, voted unanimously in favour.

3) Approval of the minutes

a) December 11th 2024 minutes

Correction to be made: Nicolas's name was misspelled.

Motion to approve the minutes with the correction by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Joanne MCGee, voted unanimously in favour.

4) Business arising from the minutes

a) Appointment of new GB parent member (term ends at the end of this year)

Self-nomination by Debbie Carbray. No other candidates; Debbie was acclaimed.

5) Regular business

a) School field trips

Caden's Lighthouse

- Multi-sensory exploration
- March 26, 2025 from 9:00am-12:00pm
- For K4 & K5
- Ratio of 1:1
- Transportation via carpooling
- No cost for students

Motion to approve by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Nicolas Deschênes, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Daycare field trips

None.

6) Reports

a) GB Chair

No report.

b) Principal

- Registrations
- Grade 3 had a blast at the EcoMuseum Feb. 4 (École Montréalaise)
- Puberty workshops underway
- SPVM assemblies generated a lot of discussion
- Feb 10 in celebration of BHM, Grades 4-6 enjoyed Amen's presentation in the auditorium at Lakeside. The students were very engaged and asked many interesting questions.
- Feb 14 in celebration of BHM, K4-grade 3 will enjoy AfroDance with Melo
- We are looking forward to Carnival Week and Staff Appreciation (Feb 24-28)
- A safety email was sent to all parents and guardians regarding expected behaviour during outdoor play. A follow up assembly on outdoor safety is planned Feb 18 with grades 4, 5 and 6.
- Update on Maple Grove wing at Lakeside: 2 new classrooms, common area, additional bathroom.

FYI - Upcoming activities:

- K art workshop (Ecole Montrealaise): Feb. 6, 12, 27 creating life-size abstract installations, in class. March 19 Field trip to "La Cenne" (cultural centre) to watch actors perform with their art installations on stage.
- Feb 10, Feb. 18, & Feb. 25. ComicZine workshop: Grade 5 (501, 502) workshop to encourage French literacy through graphic novels, art and comic books. Students will be creating their own story.
- Feb 12, 14, 19 & 21/March 12, 14, 19 & 21, AMCAL workshop for K4/K5: 45 mins per session, in class. Workshop consists of games, stories and discussions that reinforce, encourage and support social skills.
- Feb 19th, Inspiration Republic presentations at Lakeside Auditorium: age relevant content on friendship and being a good friend, building up to anti-bullying:
 - K to grade 3 Friendship (Anti-Bullying) presentation
 - Grade 4 to 6 Anti-Bullying presentation
 - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Maple Grove/Lakeside Parent Pizza/Workshop (Healthy Relationships that Support Your Child's Well-being & Mental Health)
- Feb 25th Black History Leaders Exhibition: Grade 6 students will present to the grade 3-5 students in the gym - science fair style. Students will present biographies on inspiring black leaders who have positively impacted the world. Cross curricular project and bilingual exhibition.
- March 21 Music concert at Lakeside: Maple Grove invited to attend a music concert put on by Lakeside students. Recess will be moved.
- March 13, 14 & 25: Grade 6 workshops on Healthy Relations by Portrait X (ArtistInspire grant) Raison d'Art will facilitate a creative experience with students; students will create a collaborative digital message and image promoting empathy online and offline. Using the portraitX app, groups will create artwork that expresses a message of positive change, emphasizing how these behaviors can impact both in-person and digital interactions. The student's digital creations will be combined into a mosaic, symbolizing the students' collective effort to foster empathy. This mosaic will be installed in the school.
- April 15/16 after lunch Variety Talent Showing: Showcasing students' talents! Cycle 2-3 auditions. Rehearsals at lunch Wed/Thur Mar 19-Apr 10.

- April 25 Spring play “The Maple Tree”: Daycare students are putting on a play for the school in the auditorium at Lakeside. Rehearsals during daycare hours.
- McGill Research Opportunity: Parents and their children (Grades 4-6) invited to participate in a parent-child emotion research study. Study is not conducted in school. 1 in-person session. Goal of the study is to inform future clinical practices aimed at supporting families, educators and professionals working with children and families on best practices related to promoting child emotion regulation.

c) Teacher/Staff

Sylvie Turcotte:

- Volleyball tournament: 44 students from cycle 3. Many parents came to watch. It was a great day.
- Gymnastics unit: this unit is ending. The students loved it and have been all over the equipment.
- Special activities are being planned for the week before March Break (hopefully an outdoor carnival).
- The dance group started practicing for dance-off at the beginning of May.

Arla Connell:

- There will be a talent show the week before Easter. Auditions will take place after March Break.
- All Aboard games project: for cycle 3. École Montrealaise comes in and teaches how to play a different board games.
- Report cards coming up after March Break.

Lianna Myrand:

- We celebrated the 100th day of school. Everyone dressed as a 100-yr-old person.
- There was an outing to library last week for cycle 1.

d) Daycare

None.

e) Home & School

- We are working on staff appreciation.
- Reminder to teachers: if you have requests for things you need, please let us know!
- Grad committee had the comedy night and it was hilarious. The weather affected attendance, but we still had \$640 in ticket sales and \$76 from concessions. Leftover snacks have been set aside for upcoming fundraisers.
- Pizza lunch will be February 19 and Subway lunch will be February 26.
- The new pizzeria we are ordering from is going very well.
- In March we'll be accepting orders for the last 4 month of the year for both pizza and Subway.
- English Book Fair will be in March during the parent-teacher meetings.
- Silent auction will open in May. Delivery will be at the BBQ in June.
- BBQ date is June 5 with a rain date of June 4.
- Honey fundraiser info will be going out soon.

f) PC Rep

Discussed AlloProf and the \$2.5 million in cuts. The next meeting is February 20.

g) Commissioner

- Mr Whitham emailed a report.

- Question to Mr Whitham: pertaining to staff changes, why is this happening mid-year?
- Answer: th new Lakeside vice-principal is a permanent assignment. Miss Lazaris went to St Thomas. If staff members decide to leave a school for various personal reasons, we must manage it. We cannot divulge details on why this staff change happened.

7) New business

a) Home & School approvals

i) FundScrip

- We would like to run it from now until June.

Motion to approve by Nicolas Deschênes, seconded by Lianna Myrand, voted unanimously in favour.

ii) Craft Market

- We will cover the cost of paying the janitor
- We would get tables and chairs from the city
- We would charge \$40 per table, or \$30 plus a donated item for the Silent Auction
- We would use the gym, lobby, and senior hall
- We would use the bathrooms at the end of the senior hall
- We would sell snacks (no open food or drink in the gym)
- This fundraiser would be to raise money to fund a bus for either Halo and/or Track & Field

Motion to approve by Joanne McGee, seconded by Nicolas Deschênes, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Dance team fundraisers

We are raising money for costumes for the dance competition.

- Dress-down day on March 14.
- Selling bracelets on Pink Shirt Day, February 26.
- Crocs Day on April 10.
- One more event not yet determined.
- Question about Crocs Day: can other footwear be allowed if you don't have Crocs?
Arla Connell will pass the question forward and get an answer.

Motion to approve the Dress-Down Day (March 14), selling bracelets (February 26), and Crocs Day (April 10) by Vanessa Boodoosingh, seconded by Ria Rombough, voted unanimously in favour.

8) Questions from the public

None.

9) Varia

None.

10) Correspondence/Consultation

a) 2025-2026 School Board Budget Consultation (due March 28th 2025)

Mathieu requested that everyone read the document so we can formulate an answer at the next meeting.

b) 2025-2026 Principal Selection (due March 28th 2025)

Mathieu requested that everyone read the document so we can discuss at the next meeting.

11) Next meeting

a) Wednesday March 12th at 6:30pm on Zoom.

12) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Cathenna Michaud at 7:36pm.