

Maple Grove Elementary School - Governing Board 2024-2025

Meeting Minutes

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May 13th, 2025, 6:30pm via Zoom

1) Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

a) Establishment of quorum

MEMBERS: Mathieu Young, Lorraine Deliva, Aaron Totton, Vanessa Boodoosingh, Cathenna Michaud, Joanne McGee, Sarah Fortin.

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

PUBLIC: Patrick Whitham.

2) Land Acknowledgement

Read by Cathenna Michaud.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

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

4) Approval of the minutes

a) April 9th 2025 minutes

- Not ready; tabled until the June meeting.

5) Business arising from the minutes

None.

6) Regular business

a) School field trips

i) Pool Day

- Dixie Pool (will go on foot)
- Gr 3-6 only
- June 12, 13, and 17
- 2 groups going each day (9:30am-11:00am and 12:30pm-2:00pm)
- 200 students, 25 adults, ratio 1:8
- Cost to parents is \$5.00 per child

Motion to approve by Lianna Myrand, seconded by Cathenna Michaud, voted unanimously in favour.

ii) Flag Football

- Lower Canada College
- June 4 from 8:30am-2:00pm
- Transportation by school bus
- Grades 5-6 (practices during recess)

- Ratio 1:8

iii) First Nations Activity

- For the K4's
- Presenter: Timothy Armstrong
- June 12; 3 sessions of 50 minutes each
- The children will experience an interactive workshop where they will be exposed to indigenous way of life
- No cost

Motion to approve the flag football and First Nations activity by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.

b) Daycare field trips

i) Kirkland Cinema

- For the Ped Day on June 6
- Transportation by school bus
- \$29 per student
- 60 students expected to attend, ratio 1:10
- Movie TBD (possibly Lilo & Stitch)

Motion to approve by Vanessa Boodoosingh, seconded by Lianna Myrand, voted unanimously in favour.

7) Reports

a) GB Chair

- Year is almost over, only one meeting to go.
- We will have snacks at the June meeting.

b) Principal

- We won 1st place for the 2nd year in a row for the Hit the Stage LBPSB.
- Dance competition - check out the footage on IG and FB.
- Our students did extremely well in Qui Lira, well done!
- We got a new griddle BBQ. Home & School is welcome to use it.
- Tons lunch time activities - the students love it, great feedback.
- Check out the picnic table in the uncommon common area, AKA the former lobby (thank you Student Teacher fund!)
- May 23rd TCBY for the students during lunch - Home & School to volunteer
- Good Start:
 - June 5th at Lakeside campus, invitations have been sent out.
 - Home & School has a table
 - We currently have 4 K classes and 2 K4 classes for 2025-26
 - Renovations at Lakeside are on track (June 23-August 24)
 - Brace yourself, exams in grade 4 and 6 start this month.

c) Teacher/Staff

Sylvie Turcotte:

- Halo: 34 students participated. There was no rain but it was cold. A lot of parents came to watch. We are waiting for results.

- Started getting organized for track & field. 75 kids from grades 4-5-6 are participating.

Arla Connell:

- The talent show went well. We have a lot of talented students. Hopefully next year we can do a similar thing where parents can come.
- Daycare senior play written by Mr Peter for Earth Day went very well.
- Home & School QR code is confirmed for next year's student agendas.

Maria Lazaris:

- Everyone enjoyed the Minute To Win It game.
- Exams start after Victoria Day weekend.
- May 9 was mini day at Lakeside. The students appreciated it, it seemed to ease a lot of nerves.

Lianna Myrand:

- Cross country run on May 3 was a lot of fun; it was a nice day and the students worked hard.
- Final trip to the Lachine library is coming up for grades 1 & 2.
- The next cycle 1 assembly will be May 21.

d) Daycare

No report.

e) Home & School

- Movie night for grad committee was fun.
- The BOGO Book Fair raised \$230. We had already suspected it would not do so well because the artisan market was postponed (hopefully we can do it next year, needs approval).
- To approve for next year: Subway & pizza lunches, BoSapin, Olivers Labels, Book Fair, artisan market for next year.

f) PC Rep

- Next meeting is May 15.
- Library staffing: seems to be shortage of librarians or librarian funding
- Bill 94 (religious symbols in schools).
- Discussion that if school board funds were to be used for legal counsel for these bills, GB should be consulted beforehand.

g) Commissioner

- Mr Whitham sent the report. Special highlight on Transportation for 2025-2026, please contact him with any questions.

8) New business

a) Home & School pre-approvals for the 2025-2026 school year

- Subway and pizza lunches: no changes to cost or suppliers. Motion to approve by Arla Connell, seconded by Lianna Myrand, voted unanimously in favour.
- Book Fair: French fair in the fall, English fair in March (always on Parent-teacher nights). Motion to approve by Vanessa Boodoosingh, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.

- Olivers Labels, BoSapin, SchoodStart school supply program: no changes to any of these fundraisers. Motion to approve all three by Arla Connell, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour.
- Artisan market: Aiming for May 2026 (exact date to come). We need to give 2 months' notice to be able to book vendors. To be held on a Saturday. Motion to approve by Arla Connell, seconded by Lianna Myrand, voted unanimously in favour.

b) School Supply lists 2025-2026

Do not need to be approved by Governing Board.

c) School Workbooks 2025-2026

Motion to approve by Joanne McGee, seconded by Lorraine Deliva, voted unanimously in favour.

9) Correspondence/Consultation

a) Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2025-2028 (By June 13th 2025)

- Was approved last year but school board made changes
- Outlines the plans and renovations at Lakeside for our K4/K5 wing
- Renovations to start as soon as school ends
- Outdoor play areas included in the renovations
- *Question*: Should we require that we have one parent member on Governing Board from that wing? *Answer*: This recommendation has been put out many times.
- How to reply to the consultation: We are satisfied with what is outlined in the consultation. We should thank them for recognizing that we need a proper preschool space, being responsive, putting care and diligence into the plans.

10) Questions from the public

None.

11) Varia

Question: A parent from K4 is concerned that going to K5 is 100% French but K4 was English. They feel there wasn't enough exposure to French in K4.

Answer: English helps to get them comfortable in the space and get them understanding how classroom works. We understand that most students are anglophone so the K5 year starts bilingual. The use of French increases as the year goes on.

12) Next meeting

a) Wednesday June 11th 2025 in person (at Maple Grove)

- Motion to spend the remainder of our budget on food for next meeting by Cathenna Michaud, seconded by Joanne McGee, voted unanimously in favour. To be managed by Lorraine Deliva.

13) Adjournment

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