

Maple Grove Elementary School  
Governing Board 2020-2021

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Meeting minutes  
March 17th - 6:00 pm – Zoom

Present: Parent Member

- 1 Amanda Lamb
- 2 Debra Lowe
- 3 Christina Allen
- 4 Sarah Fortin
- 5 Ria Rombough
- 6 Gabriela Coutard
- 7 Aaron Totton (alt)

Staff Member

- Sylvie Turcotte
- Anne Martin
- Kathy Fournier
- Debbie Zemnickis
- Geneviève Le Cavalier-Parant
- Arla Connell
- Peggy Scott

Other: Dean Graddon (Principal)

Absent: Ashley McLellan

Moved by (M:) Seconded(S:) Results (R:)

| Item | Comments   | Action       |
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| 1.   | Call to order  |              |
|      |  | Time: 6:06   |
| 2.   | Land acknowledgement   |              |
|      | “Governing Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the ancestral territory of the Kanien’keha:ka - people of the Mohawk Nation, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.” |              |
| 3.   | Adoption of the Agenda   |              |
|      |  | M: Geneviève |
|      |  | S: Debbie    |
|      |  | R: Unanimous |
| 4.   | Approval of the minutes  |              |
|      | January 20, 2021   | M: Christina |
|      |  | S: Arla      |
|      |  | R: Unanimous |

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| 5. | Email Votes  |  |
| a) | none   |  |
| 6. | Business Arising from the minutes  |  |
|    | None   |  |
| 7. | Reports  |  |
| a) | Principal<br>-See Principal's Report at the end of this document.  |  |
| b) | Teachers /Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Cycle I</u><br/>-Before March break the students did a march for the Grand Defi Pierre Lavoie. They walked the perimeter of the school yard and had lots of fun.<br/>-Did a lot of decorations for St. Patrick's Day and Mary Rutherford (our spiritual animator) found someone to give lessons to our students in Irish dancing.<br/>-Room 17 doing a bird project. The students put out bird feeders.</li> <li>• <u>Cycle II</u><br/>-Mrs. C congratulated Mme. Turcotte and Ms. Fournier for the wonderful job that they did with the snowshoes and cross-country skis activity that the whole school got to enjoy. We were the first school to get this project. Thank you once again!</li> <li>• <u>Phys. Ed</u><br/>-For the Grand Defi Pierre Lavoie Cycle II and III walked around in the neighborhood.</li> </ul> |  |

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| c)        | <p><b>Daycare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration will be starting in May through Mozaik.</li> <li>- Registration for K4 and Kindergarten will be done in paper form.</li> <li>- Daycare on ped days has been closed due to insufficient registrations.</li> </ul>   |   |
| d)        | <p><b>Home &amp; School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The fresh flowers were a huge success for Teacher Appreciation.</li> <li>- Grad committee meeting is planned for March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will start fundraising soon.</li> <li>- Almost ready to launch Maple Grove swag.</li> <li>- Plantable greeting cards to be launched soon.</li> <li>- Possibility of another English book fair on April 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>- There will be a fundraiser of scrap metal collection on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day.</li> <li>- We received many donations for staff appreciation.</li> </ul> |   |
| e)        | <p><b>PC Rep</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report</li> </ul>   |   |
| f)        | <p><b>Commissioner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report</li> </ul>   |   |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Fundraisers</b>   |   |
| a)        | <p><b>Earth Day scrap metal collection</b></p> <p>Scrap metal will be picked up from bins on school property or home pick-up can also be arranged. Proceeds to go to the Home &amp; School.</p>  | <p>M: Gabriela<br/>S: Amanda<br/>R: Unanimous</p> |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Correspondence / Consultation</b>   |   |
|           | Principal Consultation sent  |   |

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| 10. | <b>Regular Business</b>  |   |
| a)  | <u>Registration update</u><br>-See principal's report  |   |
| b)  | <u>Alveole Bee Hive project</u><br>- There will be a Quebec based beehive installation on the roof.<br>- Educational component – school theme<br>- 100 jars of honey are guaranteed. | M: Amanda<br>S: Sarah<br>R: Unanimous                     |
| c)  | <u>Inter-Cultural grant application – Montreal Steppers</u><br>-\$500.00 grant for five classes<br>-Dance groups for Black History Month   | M: Debbie<br>S: Amanda<br>R: 12 in favour<br>1 abstention |
| d)  | <u>Capital Project Priorities</u><br>-Mr. Graddon went through the list and explained various items.   |   |
| 11. | <b>Questions from the public</b>   |   |
|     | None   |   |
| 12. | <b>Varia</b>   |   |
|     | None   |   |
| 13. | Next Meeting: April 21st @ 6pm via zoom  |   |
| 14. | <u>Adjournment:</u><br>7h02 p.m  | M: Arla   |

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## Principal's Report – March 2021

### Registration Update

| <b>Level</b> | <b>Registrations<br/>(as of Mar 17 2021)</b> | <b>Classes</b> |
|--------------|--|----------------|
| <b>K4</b>    | 25   | 2              |
| <b>K</b>     | 45   | 3              |
| <b>1</b>     | 48   | 3              |
| <b>2</b>     | 60   | 3              |
| <b>3</b>     | 50   | 3              |
| <b>4</b>     | 56   | 3              |
| <b>5</b>     | 57   | 3              |
| <b>6</b>     | 36   | 2              |
| <b>Total</b> | 376  | 22             |

### Library Renovation

Due to the expected addition of a third grade 5 class, we will need an additional classroom for next year. To create the necessary space, a dividing wall will soon be built in the library. The current English Resource room (Room 9) will become the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 5 classroom. We are in discussions to determine how best to allocate the remaining spaces.

### Anti-Bullying Presentations

We are fortunate to be a part of the No Time for This Anti-Bullying Society's 2021 virtual tour. Students will view a presentation, followed by a question and answer session on Tuesday March 23.

### Early Literacy Support/Francisation

The Ministry has provided a special budget to support the academic needs of students in the context of the pandemic. As a school, we decided to focus on early literacy intervention. Up to four students in each grade 1-3 class will be receiving support from Marcelle Auger, a retired teacher/consultant. Students entitled to francisation (new to the province within the last two years) are also working with her.

### Drinking Water

Testing was done on the drinking water in all schools in the province over the past year, focusing on the possible presence of lead in the water.

The following are the types of water consumption points that **have** been tested:

- Drinking fountains
- Classroom sinks (kindergarten and pre-K only)
- Staff room sink or other equivalent for water consumption/food preparation
- Commercial kitchen sink or other equivalent for food preparation

Sinks in classrooms (other than kindergarten classes) **have not** been tested, so signs have been put up in those classrooms to indicate that the water should only be used for hand-washing.

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It is therefore recommended that staff and students only use hallway drinking fountains to refill water bottles. The actual drinking spouts on the fountains will not be available during the pandemic.

### **Procedural Masks for all Students**

All students in grades 1-6 are now obliged to wear a procedural mask inside the building at all times during the school day and on the school bus. Students have adapted very well to the new requirement.