



Maple Grove Governing Board

Minutes

December 15, 2021, at 6:00pm

Via Zoom

1. Call to order: Ria Rombough called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

In attendance:

Admin: Dean Graddon

Staff Reps: Sylvie Turcotte, Genevieve Le Cavalier-Parant, Kathy Fournier, Debbie Zemnickis, Arla Connell

Daycare Reps: Peggy Scott

Parent Reps: Ria Rombough, Sarah Fortin, Aaron Totton, Christina Allen, Cathenna Michaud, Amanda Lamb, Gabriela Coutard

Public: None in attendance

Regrets: Monomita Roy, Shelly Horn, Heather Townsend, Mathieu Young, Will Davidson,

2. Land Acknowledgment – was read by Ria Rombough
3. Adoption of the Agenda –
Add 9e. Service Contracts
Motion to accept the Agenda by Peggy Scott, 2nd by Kathy Fournier - Moved
4. Approval of the minutes
November 24:
Motioned to approve by Sarah Fortin 2nd by Arla Connell – **Moved**
5. E-mail Votes – Home & School Subway Fundraiser
The Subway Fundraiser has been postponed until volunteer help is available.
6. Business Arising from the minutes: - None
7. Reports:
 - a. **Principal:**
COVID-19 Vaccination
Our vaccination clinic was a big success, with 79 students receiving their first COVID-19 vaccine in less than two hours. We expect a second clinic in February.
With the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination campaign scheduled to continue until March, the regular Grade 4 hepatitis and HPV vaccinations have been postponed to the spring, until after the COVID vaccination. Further information to follow.
Playground Update
Playground project did not start in the fall and is delayed until the spring.
We are working on a new mini-project to install a set of play panels in the area near the kindergarten door.
Social-Emotional Learning Workshops for K4 & K5
We have arranged for a company called Epique Educational Programs and Training to work with our K4 and K5 classes. Our kids will participate the Kind Kids program, which consists of eight 40-minute sessions to learn impulse control, self-discipline, self-awareness and social-awareness. The schedule is under development.

Q. When in February do we expect the next Covid vaccine date?

A. 8 weeks from the last vaccine, which would be early February. Parents can still book outside of the school.

- b. **Teacher/Staff** – Kathy Fornier & Debbie Zemnickis presented
We are preparing holiday activities, including Santa, sledding, dress up days and door decorating. Unfortunately, the students can not visit other classrooms.
Q. Should the students wear their gym uniform under the dress up day?
A. Yes where they can.
The students are making gifts for home.
They are excited to be able to play in the snow, but then it is gone too fast.
Grade 3 with Ecole Montrealaise is learning about traditional holiday stories on Friday via zoom.
The students and teachers are looking forward for the dress down days.
The students have been doing a bee workshop via zoom. It is really cool, and provided by the group who put our bees & hive on the roof
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spent the day with our very own 'Flat Student'
Mme Karina sent the 'Flat Student' to Adam Scotti, PM Trudeau's attaché.
They sent her back with some pictures of her day and a letter.
 - c. Daycare – Peggy Scott
Our daycare numbers are steady.
The students are working hard at making decorations
The last week of school, the students will not be working on their homework during daycare hours.
 - d. Home & School – Presented by Aaron Totton
Our LaDiperie fundraiser 182 students participated; the students were excited to have this fundraiser back. Thank you, Dean, for doing the deliveries.
We are looking for more fundraisers that we can do without volunteers.
The Discovery Toys fundraiser, raised \$60.00 in commissions and \$120.00 in free toys which will be used in the auction that we are planning.
We are planning for another Domino's day in early January, but we are waiting to confirm the date.
We are looking to allocate funds in advance, to tell parents where the money is going. The money raised from our Frozen treats in December will go to the phys-ed department.
Please keep the Home & School in mind if you see any prizes for our auction.
 - e. PC Rep – No Report this month
 - f. Commissioner – Patrick Whitham – Not in attendance tonight
8. Correspondence/Consultations – None presented
9. Regular Business
- a. **Resignation** - Shelley Horn
Shelly Horn has stepped down from Governing Board. The alternates have been contacted and will alternate the post.
 - b. **H&S Fundraiser** – Felix and Norton
These are frozen cookies that we will sell at \$11-12/20 cookies. Cost is \$6.00
Plans for a drive-by pickup/delivery.
We need to purchase by the case.
Looking for delivery around Valentines day
Motion for approval of the fundraiser by Christina Allen, 2nd by Sarah Fortin -
Moved
 - c. **Daycare revised budget** – Peggy Scott

We have had to cut back on supplies.

With having to close the daycare, and not be open on ped days, the parent contribution is less than what was expected.

Revenues: \$573,929 – Expenses: \$707,922 = Loss \$133,993

There is an accumulated deficit of \$276,987, primarily because of unpaid fees.

Last years deficit of \$142,994 has been adjusted, as there was little to no income from parents, but still had to pay staff. This deficit has been growing over the last 6 years. Parents have been sent to a collection agency to try to collect past dues.

Q. What is the process of sending fees for collection?

A. A collection agency sends letters to receive the monies owed, then give it to the school, less a fee.

Q. What are the consequences of having a long deficit?

A. It's a lot of red ink. There could be a possible reduction of services. The next step would be to cut back on staff, but we need all of our staff. Most schools carry a deficit

Q. Can we put forth the budget even with a deficit?

A. This deficit is big because of Covid. We have more staff, as we can not combine classes, and can not neglect student safety. The School Board is already aware of the deficit.

Q. Will the government allocate funds from the ministry for the school daycares, like they are doing for other daycares?

A. No, our deficit is a school issue. The school board will adjust where they can and are waiting on approvals.

Motion to approve the revised Daycare budget by Christina Allen, 2nd by Kathy Fournier – **Moved**

d. **Educational Project Annual Report** – Dean Graddon

This report is similar to last year. There were no exams, the success rates come from the report cards.

Looking at the Grade 6 data – the % is not the average grade, but the average number of students who passed.

The English results were good with a 93%, the math results show a need for improvement with 79% and the French results show that help is required with 56.44%

Grade 2 & 3 are getting help with a program, and Cycle one has already shown improvement

The Wellness Data – The Canadian Norms numbers are from 2018-2019 before Covid. The numbers for Maple Grove are 2020-2021 which is completely Covid. Once things return to normal, the numbers will bounce back to norms. They are not far off considering Covid is still with us.

Motion for approval of the Educational Project Annual Report by Peggy Scott, 2nd by Amanda Lamb – **Moved**

e. **Service Contracts**

We have received special Allocation for a support person to help the younger teachers. Would like to hire Maira Kanins, a former teacher from rm 2, to mentor young teachers. The contract is from Jan 10 to the end of the year, for 2 days a week. The cost is \$9,120 and is coming from this special allocation and another budget, not the operating budget.

Motion to hire Maira Kanins for the discussed contact by Amanda Lamb, 2nd by Sarah Fortin - **Moved**

10. Questions from the Public – No Public in attendance

11. Varia – No Varia

12. Next Meeting: January 26th @ 6:00 pm

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Peggy Scott at 7:06 pm