

Maple Ridge School Council Meeting

Thursday April 17, 2025

Virtual

6:30 - 7:15 pm

Meeting Minutes

18 Members, 6 Parents/Guardians; 6 School Council Executive; 6 Teachers/Staff

Agenda Items	Min	Speaker
1. Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order Theme tonight is School leadership update and grade 3 teachers presentation	2	Cara P.
2. Motion to Approve Agenda Motion: Lindsey M Second: Anna P	1	Cara P.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes from February 20, 2025 Motion: Ellie Second: Lindsey M	1	Cara P.
4. Reports: - Leadership Team Report: - Current residency - Elder Harley - New opportunity to reconnect the week of June 9 - Onsite visit to be with students for 2 days in outdoor classroom - Updates - Janel Nail - Printmaking with K-2 3D construction with Gr 3/4 - Consider how to display art in the hallways to reflect the community - Photography with Janet - Current - Using school devices - ipads, good accounts, using materials we have access to - Different perspectives and using everyday technology - Transportation Service and bell time changes for 2025/26 - Bell times are not selected by schools and primarily driven by transportation needs - Challenge: not enough buses and drivers - Gr 1-9 require 950 instructional mins and 475 for Kindergarten - For MRS start time will be 9:10AM (doors likely unlock at 9AM) ending at 3:40PM and 1PM on Fridays	30	David

■ Small tweaks will be made in the lunch hour to accommodate, change to 40 mins for lunch from 44 mins ■ Q: outlets for kids who require more of a break, what's the support plan? ● The difference is 2 minutes less outside ● Use of motorlab ● Body breaks ● This will be a larger school conversation ○ Science Olympics recap ■ 4th annual and a huge success ■ Stem based challenges for all students, multi aged, hands on learning promoted ■ Piggy and Gerald exploring space! ■ Thank you to Parent volunteers ○ Dates and Events ■ May 22 - PTA/School Council meeting with Grade 2 teachers presenting ■ May 29 - Kindergarten Orientation ■ June 6 - Volunteer Appreciation ■ June 20 - STEM/Sports/Indigenous Day ■ June 26 - last day of school/gr 4 farewell: TBD ■ Sept 2 - First day of school 2025/26 school year ● Grade 3 Teacher Presentation: Ms. Watts, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Chabuk and Ms. Wilpert ○ Ms. Watts presented on Artist in residence in Feb/Mar: Janelle Nail - Clay building ■ Theme was 7 sacred animals and the corresponding 7 sacred virtues ○ Ms. Chabuk presented on their exploration of Psanky egg making ■ Aligned with Social studies curriculum on Ukraine and Science curriculum around states of matter - the beeswax barrier for the dye creating the design ○ Ms. Wilpert presented on Computer science and Coding; creating instructions for completing a task ■ Create a set of instructions to get from a to b ■ In January they started a program called Learn to Code Robo Garden using block coding through a series of missions and adventures, really engaging. Teaches computational concepts, sequences, running loops, conditionals, helps to practise and experiment with different codes, run the code and see what happens ■ Fostered collaboration with peers, perseverance, and problem solving ○ Ms. Kennedy presented on Reading; Forest of Reading which uses Canadian authors and variety of books ■ Students evaluate the books, form thoughts and opinions about the subject and vote for favourite book		
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■ Canadian reader - used for guided reading ■ Themes: Spark conversations, Reading comprehension, literacy supported activities, contractions ● Key Communicator Report ○ Community of school council meeting on Apr 23, will update at next meeting ○ CBE connections ■ Mid march, province announced funding ■ Mention of online hybrid learning options, open house May 1 ■ AGM on Apr 27 ● Chair's Report: ○ Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant and parent opportunity to complete survey ■ Grant is \$500 ■ Arranged for Angela Stockman, Teacher/Author to curate a parent workshop on Student Writing Support ■ Theme aligns with the School development plan ■ Survey sent out to parents - 56 responses so far! ○ Attended AB school council association meeting on legislation and insurance framework through AB edu ■ Not alot to report ■ All recommendations are currently in place ■ There was one piece around advocacy, nothing to date requires advocacy but available if needed		Ellie S. Cara P.
5. Old Business	1	Cara P.
6. New Business	5	Cara P.
7. Next Meeting: ● Thursday May 22, 2025 - Virtual	2	Cara P.
8. Upcoming Dates and Events ● May 2 at 1:45PM - RT Scavenger Hunt ● May 29 - Kindergarten Orientation ● June 20 - Sports/STEM/Indigenous Day	2	David/Sandy
9. Motion to Close Meeting Motion: Ellie S. Second: Lindsey M.	1	Cara P.