Maple Ridge School Council Meeting

Thursday *October 15, 2026*
Virtual
6:30 - 7:15 pm

Meeting Minutes

Quorum - attained when the majority of voting members present at a meeting are parents of students enrolled at Maple Ridge School.

Agenda Items	Min	Speaker
Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order ● Quorum attained ● Exec: Nandita (chair), Valentyna (vice chair), Anna (secretary), Kody and Lisa (treasurers) ● School council advises principal, vice principal and CBE trustees, PA is the fundraising society	2	Nandita
Motion to Approve Agenda Motion: Anna P. Second: Valentyna	1	Nandita
Motion to Approve Minutes from *September 2026* Motion: Anna P. Second: Valentyna	1	Nandita
Reports: **Leadership Team Report: Provincial assessments** ● Orange Shirt Day Assembly ○ New seating arrangement facing eachother ■ Gym set up more in a circle for the first time, positive feedback from students and teachers ■ Two Gr 4 MCs led the assembly ○ Children's Blessing Song: Short video clip shown ○ We are Connected - Jingle dress ■ Wrote a message about connection in the jingle ■ Whole school project - learned what a jingle dress is and what it means ■ Every student made their own jingle with a message about feeling connected to Maple Ridge ■ Artwork on display in the school ("We Are Connected" bulletin board) ○ Outdoor walk - Why we Dance ■ Book walk along the fence in the natural outdoor classroom, story about hope and healing ■ Orange Shirt Day: acknowledge what happened, then how to move forward from a place of hope ● Fire drills, Lockdown practices ○ 3 before winter break and 3 after ○ First one is announced so kids can practise, after that not announced ○ Getting better with practice, taking it seriously (not looking for perfection)	30	Sandy

○ Lockdown practices booked with CPS ○ Email home about lockdown prior to - Dec 3 (first one) ● D/O and P/U ○ Driving fast in alley at drop off time, kids walking through the alley ○ Parents using staff parking lot, please refrain ■ Support staff start later, no spots left when they arrive ● Assessments ○ Gr 1-4 done assessments (first round), K comes later ○ New: results sent home this year, printed copy, Oct 26-29 ○ Contact the school if you haven't received the report by Nov 5 ● Residency Update ○ Alien inLine - starts Wed Oct 21, every day until Nov 6 (not Fri Oct 30) ■ Thanks to parent volunteers, lots of kids still learning to tie shoelaces and do up skates ○ Rocks&Rings: curling at school - February ○ SoGo running adventure, orienteering - April ■ Days out for all classes, 3 locations (Carburn Park + 2 in Fish Creek Park) ■ Also learning about compasses and orienteering, games ○ Ongoing is work with Elder Roy Bear Chief ■ Started the year with teachers, made knowledge keeper bags, classes making their own for what they learn this year ■ Bulletin board by the office, staff one too ■ Hoping he can come do language lessons ■ Blackfoot language more visible in the school ● Upcoming Teacher presentation: Nov 18 - Gr 3 **Teacher Presentation: Kindergarten** Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Riewe ● Sept has been focused on settling in, learning routines and what school is ● We come to school to learn, grow our brains, try new things, being brave ● Schedule/group plan, let's everyone have fun and helps everyone learn and explore time is your choice ● How: explicit instruction, lining up, what's a line, how to hang up a backpack, shoes, open and twist glue, scissors ● Zones of regulation ○ Red, blue, green, yellow ○ Clues that our bodies give us about readiness for learning ○ All feelings are OK, but for classroom to be successful green zone is best ○ Strategies to return to green when we're not there ● Independence, hand strength, core strength ● How to see the world through the lens of a scientist ○ Ideas from own experiences ○ TELUS Spark experiments ● Observations ○ Being curious to explore ○ Five senses		Kindergarten

■ Smell test ■ Listening walk ■ Looking closely and sketching leaves ■ Mystery object game - touch to guess what was inside a sock ■ Tastebuds and flavours ○ Literacy ■ Fun with language, playing with language ■ Explore, experiment and make connections ■ 5 main themes ● Playing with sounds: rhyming, clapping syllables ● Explore print ● First steps in writing - sharing ideas through scribbles, writing names ● Oral language - circle time, explore time, singing, narrate play ● Understanding stories - parts of a story, ask questions, make predictions and check answers ○ Numeracy ■ 5 mains themes ● Number - counting and representing numbers, recognizing quantities, showing numbers in different ways (dice, tally, 5 items, fingers) ● Geometry - 2D and 3D shapes ● Measurement - comparing size, bigger than, smaller than, taller than ● Time - sequence of events, first/next, yesterday/today. Medicine wheel calendar visual representation of time ● Patterns - recognize, predicting and creating ○ Looking forward ■ Upcoming Field studies ● Weaselhead ● Heritage park ● Telus spark ● Zoo ● Carburn park ■ Experts in for school presentations: Dark nights		
Old Business: n/a	1	Nandita
New Business: n/a	5	Nandita
Next Meeting: ● Nov 18 (Gr 3 teacher presentation) ● More on the school development plan	2	Nandita
Motion to Close Meeting: Motion: Valentyna Second: Kody	1	Nandita