Maple Ridge School Council Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Virtual
6:30 - 7:15 pm

Meeting Minutes

Quorum - attained

Agenda Items	**Min**	**Speaker**
Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order ● School Council's role: acts as liaison between parents/guardians and the school, and the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) ● School Council mission: to foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community and to enhance student learning ● Contact: mapleridgecouncil@gmail.com | Instagram @mapleridgeschoolpta	2	Valentyna
Motion to Approve Agenda Motion: Anna P Second: Nandita	1	Valentyna
Motion to Approve Minutes from *May 2026* Motion: Nandita Second: Valentyna	1	Valentyna
Reports: **Leadership Team Report** ● Assistant Principal Megha Sleeman introduced ● Land Acknowledgment delivered by Ms. Sleeman ○ School committed to advancing Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action (Education for ReconciliACTION) ○ Referenced last year's Human Spider Web event; commitment to continue learning about the school's role in reconciliation ● Whoa to Wow (Telus Spark) science show kicked off the school year as a welcome-back event ● Provincial literacy/numeracy screeners - all students Kindergarten to Grade 4 now screened: ○ Grades 1–3: Fall, Winter, and Spring (as needed) ○ Grade 4: Fall and Spring only (as needed) - no Winter screener ○ Kindergarten: Winter only ○ Fall administration window: Sept 14 – Oct 2 ○ New this year: parents/guardians will receive results a few weeks after testing ● Residencies:	20	Sandy

○ Elder Roy Bear Chief - Blackfoot teachings, year-long; activities include Ani to Pisi, Sootsimaan (knowledge suitcase), Hand Games, and Tipi Exercise ○ Alien In-Line (inline skating) - October ○ Rocks and Rings (curling) - February ○ So Go Adventure Running - April ● Kindergarten Conferences & Meet the Teacher: ○ Kindergarten: in-person & virtual conferences Sept 24–25, individual sign-up meetings with families ○ Grades 1–4 Meet the Teacher, Sept 24 - short 15-min classroom presentations: Grade 1 at 4:00/5:00pm, Grade 2 at 4:30/5:30pm, Grade 3 at 4:15/5:15pm, Grade 4 at 4:45/5:45pm ○ Food trucks: Sept 24, 4:00–7:00pm ● Lunch Hour - 7 Lunch Supervisor positions needed, each covering one classroom per lunch period: ○ Grade 3/4: outside 11:45am–12:05pm, eat 12:05–12:25pm ○ Grade 1/2: eat 12:40–1:00pm, outside 1:00–1:20pm ● School Engage & Fees: fees, waivers, and service registration are handled through the MyCBE portal ● Teacher Presentation Schedule (school council meeting dates / grade presenting): ○ Sept 17 - Grade 1 ○ Oct 15 - Kindergarten ○ Nov 18 - Grade 3 ○ Jan 21 - AGM ○ Feb 18 - School Engagement ○ April 15 - Grade 4 ○ May 20 - Grade 2 ● Questions raised: Kindergarten lunch-supervision invite was sent in error; whether Kindergarten takes part in Terry Fox Run; whether Kindergarten is included in whole-school events (e.g., Whoa to Wow) ● Upcoming Dates and Events: ○ Terry Fox Run - Sept 18 ○ Meet the Teacher - Sept 24 (4–7pm) ○ Orange Shirt Day - Sept 29 ○ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Sept 30 ***Grade One Team Report - 4 classes (Jennifer Meil, Nina Matic, Amanda Hordyk, Gloria Fischer)*** ● Jennifer: field experiences and school experts are a big part of MRS learning ○ FINS (Fish in School): rainbow trout eggs raised to fry and released at the Bow Habitat pond ○ Off-site field studies in all weather - signs of winter, animal tracks; mix of indoor/outdoor experiences ○ Land-based learning - signs of summer observed in the learning garden ○ 2026–2027 planned field studies: Ralph Klein Park, Leighton Art Centre, Telus Spark, Carburn Park, Calgary Zoo, SAM Centre (wait-listed), Teacher's Pet (social studies/science),		Grade 1 Team

Calgary Wildlife (Marmot visit), Minds in Motion (University of Calgary) ● Amanda: Literacy - UFLI Foundations (incl. Heart Word approach for tricky/silent parts of sight words, e.g. "said"); Printing Like a Pro (incl. home reading); Literacy + Science tie-in using Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak - prompts: "I notice…", "I wonder…", "This makes me think…"; iLab (materials donated by families, bug hotels, Heartwood Hotel book) ● Nina: Math - patterns, predictions, testing thinking, differences celebrated; hands-on manipulatives (blocks, ten-frames, counters, number lines); focus on how/why vs. memorization ● Gloria: Health - book Our Class is a Family by Shannon Olsen (illus. Sandie Sonke); classroom puzzle-piece project; kindness/cooperation activities incl. phys ed "selfie tag"; yarn connection; pepper-in-the-water demo		
Old Business: ● None raised	1	Sandy
New Business: ● School requests	5	Sandy
Next Meeting ● October 15 - Kindergarten presents ● November 18 - Grade 3 presents ● January 21 - AGM (elections) ● February 18 - School Engagement ● April 15 - Grade 4 presents ● May 20 - Grade 2 presents	2	Sandy
Motion to Close Meeting: Motion: Nandita Second: Avery P	1	Valentyna