

Maple Ridge School Council Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2025

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.

Quorum met? yes

Agenda Items	Min	Speaker
1. Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order	2	Cara P.
2. Motion to Approve Agenda: Lindsey M, Veronica	1	Cara P.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes from September 2025: Lindsey M, Veronica	1	Cara P.
4. Reports: Leadership Team Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elder Harley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sandy and David attended the Celebration of Life for Elder Harley ○ MRS is listed as an honorary pall bearer in the program of the service ○ Sandy met with one of his daughters and she shared that he often called her on his way home from a day spent with MRS students and he would share about his experience with our students and what a positive impact we had on his life ○ Looking to have a plaque made, something special to commemorate his relationship with us at MRS ● Thank you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you for support through recent labour action ○ MRS staff felt very supported by the community ● Residencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still needing to solidify our residencies ○ Tennis is upcoming ○ Theatre residency, might be next year ○ Human spiderweb with MRU is moving forward with a different timeline ● School Improvement survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working through data, talking with teachers, identifying celebrations and areas for growth, identifying next steps for school development plan ○ Results report for last year, school improvement results, school development plan are posted on the school website Nov 28 along with report to parents around school fees 	30	Sandy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ positive results: deciding, reading, over 95% would not be considered at risk or not required additional support ■ same for numeracy, showing strength ■ areas of growth is writing ■ last year was first year, we're in our second year ■ continue to focus writing engagement, to develop their identity as writers, importance of being a communicator ■ continue to be a focus ■ more time to focus on this and implement ● Teacher presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gr 4 presentation changed to Jan AGM meeting ○ There will be no presentation in Feb ○ Grade 2 will present at the April meeting ○ Grade 3 will present at the May meeting ● Upcoming dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Teacher Conferences next week ○ Winter Solstice celebration on Dec 18 ○ Virtual Open house on Jan 8 <p>Grade 1 Presentation: Teachers: Stacy McCaw, Jennifer Mile, Nina Maddoc</p> <p><u>Stacy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on Field Studies connecting with the regular curriculum - Gr 1 tries to get outside weekly ○ Ralph Klein Park is upcoming: learning a lot about animals, patterns, movement ○ MRS is part of the the FINS program: showing the impact on life cycles and health of wildlife ○ Telus Spark ○ Clay 4 kids: glass picasso project ○ A real marmot is coming to visit ○ Volunteers are vital to making Field Studies happen <p><u>Jenn:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning how to read and write in Gr 1 ○ UFLI program: using letter sounds to both read and write, repetition, same format, review, heart words, blending and segmenting words ○ Connect literacy with Science: seasonal changes, animal homes, build bug hotels, partner work, communication skills, get along and share ideas, heartwood hotel - animal hotel book <p><u>Nina:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math and Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals: number sense, understand numbers what they mean, how they work together, how we represent them ○ counting, comparing, patterns, addition/subtraction, explain thinking, manipulatives, 10 frames, links for counters, attribute blocks, 10 blocks, dice, cubes, number lines, using tools. ○ Weaving math into daily tasks in other subjects: attendance, art, etc. ○ Being good people: Teaching social and emotional learning ○ Understanding emotions, friendships, choices, kindness, confidence, responsibility 		<p style="text-align: center;">Teachers</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementing a Kindness jar: positive reinforcement ○ Empathy, problem solving, big feelings, big/small problems, communications, who to go to for help, how our actions affect others ○ Help students to feel capable to solve problems <p>Key Communicator Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report <p>Chair's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report 		<p>Cara P.</p> <p>Cara P.</p>
<p>5. Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Trustee Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Civic election in Oct ○ Nancy Close returning as public school board trustee 	1	Cara P.
<p>6. New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual General Meeting: January 15, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacant positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Key Coordinator ○ Available as of January ○ Voted on at AGM ○ Will provide a Position overview ○ Email parent council: mapleridgecouncil@gmail.com ● School council will be at parent conferences 	5	Cara P.
<p>7. Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>No school council meeting in December</i> ● January 15, 2026 @ 6:30 pm-8:00 pm: AGM <p>8. Upcoming Dates and Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 27 & 28: Parent Teacher Conferences ● December 18: Winter Solstice celebration ● January 15: School Council/Parent Association AGM 	2 2	<p>Cara P.</p> <p>Sandy</p>
<p>9. Motion to Close Meeting: Anna P, Avery P</p>	1	Cara P.