

Maple Ridge School Council Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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/no 6 Parent/s Guardians; 4 School Council Executive; 6 Teachers/Staff

Agenda Items	Min	Speaker
1. Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order:	2	Lindsey M.
2. Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion – Melissa L; Second – Cara P	1	Lindsey M.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes from October 2024: Motion – Cara P; Second – Sarah M	1	Lindsey M.
4. Reports: Leadership Team Report: Sharing renewed CBE land acknowledgement: In partnership with the Elder advisory committee, this land acknowledgement has changed. TRC Commitment – invite Indigenous community members to share knowledge with students; acknowledge and celebrate significant Indigenous cultural observances and events; incorporate talking circles as a way of facilitating discussions. More information can be found on the school website. Winter Solstice: Elder Harley will be joining us for the winter solstice, as well as sharing winter solstice teachings with students. Remembrance Day: Assembly was held on November 7th and was an excellent student led event sharing words, poems, and songs. Residency Update: Lacrosse (January), art(Feb/Mar), and photography (April/May) residencies paid for through the Parent Association casino account.	30	David/Sandy

School Improvement Results Reporting (SIRR): Uses various data such as report data, K-3 academic survey, well-being survey, grade 4 wellbeing survey, assurance survey, discussions with students and parents and assessing all this data. For a review of 2023/24 goals, and upcoming 2024/25 goals and action items look to the links posted on the school website. ● Grade 1 Teachers: Ms Bingham, Ms Hildebrand, Ms McCaw, Ms Salmon. Ms McCaw: Explore/tinker-time and how this enriches learning. There is thought and planning that goes into projects to help with problem solving, creativity, motivation, and much more. Materials are meant to help create something new and engage in problem solving, work with others, develop fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and robotic skills. Ms Hildebrand: Uses framework of explore, document, and share. During this explore time the teacher uses this time to provide materials, listen to student interest, provide time and observe and document. Encourage to create new items using materials to grow our brains. Using different documentation tools with technology, book creator, pic collage, stop motion and more. Share with other classmates, other friends, buddies, and staff as their comfort level allows. Ms Bingham: Curricular connections with language arts (planning, writing, editing, sharing), science (investigation sparks curiosity), computation (tinkering, creating, debugging, persevering, collaborating), and math (seasons, day/night, life cycles, calendars). School Development Plan, utilizing – The Writing Workshop Teachers Guide to Multimodal Composition K-5 by Angela Stockman. Incorporating indigenous perspectives in explore time – using the medicine wheel, mind, spirit, heart, body. ● Key Communicator Report: Discussion of increasing number of students in our schools; 5,000 more students this year. Higher number of students with English as an additional language increases complexity. Education funding is not keeping pace with escalating student enrolment, rising costs and increasingly complex student needs.		Grade 1 Team Kashmira K.
--	--	--

The good news - the government is revising the current funding framework to better meet the needs of school boards. The Board of Trustees sent a letter on Oct. 31 to the Education Minister to ensure CBE's perspectives are considered. Key point is that the dollar amounts coming from the province haven't increased over the years, and inflation is making the situation worse. An additional \$1 billion needs to be injected into provincial public education to bring Alberta's per student funding in line with the Canadian average. If funding were to increase by this amount, the CBE's share would be about \$180 million. This is just for parent/guardian awareness, but it's never a bad idea to contact the Education Minister as a concerned citizen about this situation, or your local representative. Chair's Report: Reminder, no meeting in December.		Lindsey M.
5. Old Business: - Open council positions for 2025 term (January to January) Position descriptions - Voting for a new treasurer, we have two interested parties to serve as co-treasurers - We are still looking for new secretary - If interested please email mapleridgecouncil@gmail.com	1	Lindsey M.
6. New Business: no new business	5	Lindsey M.
7. Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting - January 16, 2025 8. Upcoming Dates and Events - Parent Teacher Conferences – Nov 28/29 - Elder Harley Teachings – Dec 18/19 - Winter Solstice Celebration - Dec 19 - Virtual Open House – Jan 9, 2025 - Lacrosse Residency – Jan 13-24, 2025 - Report Cards – Jan 25, 2025 - Self-Guided Tours (open house) Jan 30, 2025 from 4:30-5:30	2 2	Lindsey M. David/Sandy
9. Motion to Close Meeting: Motion – Cara P; Second – Melissa L	1	Lindsey M.