

Maple Ridge School Council Meeting

Thursday September 18, 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: Motion: Lindsey M, Second: Keri H	1	Cara P.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes from MAY 2025: Motion: Anna P, Second: Nilesh G	1	Cara P.
4. Reports: Leadership Team Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recap of recent successful residencies; Photography gala, Lacrosse residency, prints in the hallway leftover from an art residency • Land acknowledgement, updated this year, includes new language • School video played highlighting Maple Ridge School • Teacher presentation schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oct 16: Grade 4 ○ Nov 20: Grade 1 ○ Jan 15: AGM ○ Feb 19: School Engagement ○ April 16: Grade 2 ○ May 21: Grade 3 • Welcome Assembly on Sept 5 focused on pillars of care, book read: Are You Ready to Play Outside? By Mo Willems • Kindergarten Conferences and Meet the Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten: Sept 25/26 ○ Grade 1-4: Sept 25 • Lunch Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade $\frac{3}{4}$: Outside 11:45-12:05, Eat: 12:05-12:25 ○ Grade $\frac{1}{2}$: Eat: 12:40-1, Outside: 1-1:20 • Fees in School Engage • Upcoming dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terry Fox Run: Sept 19 	30	David/Sandy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet the teacher/IPP meetings: Sept 25/26 ○ Orange Shirt Day: Sept 25 ○ Remembrance Day Assembly: Nov 7 ○ Winter Solstice: Dec 18 ○ Virtual Open House: Jan 8 ● Human Spider Web <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MRS is invited to partner with MRU students to create a human spider web, date TBD ● Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IPP meeting/kindie meetings, do you need to book for both? A: Book through mycbe, through the convo with the teacher, book additional if needed ○ Either day 25/26? A: not performance or assessment, have a chance to ask questions, understand communication preferences ○ Will a Vulnerable sector check for another school count for our school? A: yes, needs to be for another CBE school. One for sports teams, etc. won't count <p>Teachers: Kindergarten team - Jennifer Lee and Melanie Harkema</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten is settling into routines in this new school year. Focus is on the school-wide inquiry; how can we observe with curiosity and connections in our world. Includes big ideas, vocabulary, unpacking words and meanings. ● Exploring the idea of connections, looking at the world like scientists; ● How can connections show up? Material, new friends, linked to nature and land and other living things. ● Scientists explores; primary colours, mixing, adding black or white, inventing new colours and naming them. ● Recent activities include a class web with strings to introduce names, Wonder Wednesdays to encourage curiosity, vocabulary such as more or less/greater, repeating patterns, Literacy - imagination, names, letters ● Upcoming Field studies include: weaselhead, glenmore park, telus spark, heritage park, and the zoo <p>Key Communicator Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant position: Key Communicator ● CBE connections: https://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/cbe-connections/Pages/default.aspx X <p>Chair's Report:</p>		<p>Jennifer Lee and Melanie Harkema</p> <p>Cara P. in lieu of Key Communicator</p>
<p>5. Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Association (PA) gifts MRS shirts for all kindergarten and new students. Students are invited to wear them on special events and field trips to enable a sense of belonging and school pride 	1	Cara P.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirts are delayed due to change in provider, will come soon 		
<p>6. New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent survey results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intent was to hear from parents/guardians, looking to understand how parents experience their ability to volunteer and attend meetings, preference for communications 47 responses, lower response than last year Results: Parents/Guardians are aware of the meetings, majority did volunteer. Fundraisers liked were Purdy's chocolate and plants - new ideas for fundraisers were given. Best way to communicate is weekly updates, direct email and Instagram. The Grant from government for a parent engagement workshop ideas were; screen time, internet use, bullying, regulating emotions, reading/writing, IPP's, neurodiversity, self esteem/confidence, CBE curriculum Question: Will meetings switch to in person? A: Not set right now, AGM will be in person meeting and looking to see if we can offer others in person Oct 20 is our civic election, school board trustee candidate <p>https://www.electionscalgary.ca/for-voters/candidates-school-board.html</p>	5	Cara P.
<p>7. Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday Oct 16 at 6:30PM <p>8. Upcoming Dates and Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 19: Terry Fox run, Healthy Hunger (Modern Jelly) Sept 25: Meet the Teacher and Food truck night, healthier hunger (Subway), Orange Shirt day Sept 29-30: no school Oct 2-3: Casino fundraising event Oct 16: next meeting 	2 2	Cara P. David/Sandy
<p>9. Motion to Close Meeting:</p> <p>Motion: Keri H, Second: Lindsey M</p>	1	Cara P.