

## MAPLE CREEK PAC MEETING MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7pm

Maple Creek Library

### PAC Executive:

PAC Chair – Mike van der Velden

Treasurer – Jennifer Jarvis

Secretary – Angela Mudie

DPAC – Nathalie Wang (absent)

- 1) Welcome/ Call to Order at 7:03pm by Mike van der Velden
- 2) Approval of Agenda (with additions 5e)  
Motion to approve by Angela, seconded by Jen; approved
- 3) Approval of Minutes from October 2022 Regular PAC Meeting  
Motion to approve by Jenn, seconded by Charles; approved
- 4) New Business:
  - a) 2022/2023 Budget



Maple Creek PAC  
Approved Budget &

- i)
  - ii) Budget approved. All in favour, none opposed
- b) Staff Wish List for Gaming Grant Funds



PAC 2022 Wish  
List.pdf

- i)
  - ii) Staff Wish List approved. All in favour, none opposed
  - iii) Items requested would not be covered by Student and Family Affordability Fund (SFAF)
  - iv) PAC will purchase items that the school is restricted by District Purchasing
  - v) Presentations: January – Motivational Speaker/ Rapper; March – Musical Performance; May – Play
- c) Grade 8 Hoodies: Darren talked to Miss. Asher approx. a month ago. Administration is unaware of the status and will follow up with her. SFAF will be used for those students that cannot afford to purchase.
- 5) Ongoing Business:
    - a) Principal's Report – Darren Macmillan
      - i) District / Building News:
        - (1) We have been short TOC's or Casual EA's every day since November 1.
          - (a) Coverage has been admin, internal shuffling, creative scheduling
          - (b) Worst day was 3 teachers / 2 EA's not covered.
          - (c) 59 EA / 20 Teacher absences for November (unfilled).
          - (d) Highest day: 150+ student absences

- (e) There has been impact but trying to minimize
- (2) Heating in building
  - (a) Carbon monoxide spike Remembrance Day when heat turned on.
  - (b) Called fire department and initiated full system check
  - (c) New system on the roof coming for East wing
- (3) Ministry visiting school Friday, with District, regarding new building
  - (a) No excitement...but opportunity to bring attention to deficits that need fixing.
- ii) Parent Connection / Education Plans:
  - (a) Safer Schools: Online Safety
    - (i) These presentations cover all things digital, from digital citizenship and how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding students' use of social networking sites and smartphones will be discussed
  - (b) TCO2: Taking Care of ourselves / taking care of others
    - (i) Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (TCO<sup>2</sup>) is an interactive workshop providing children and youth with the tools to keep themselves and their friends safe from sexual exploitation
  - (c) Anti-Racism:
    - (i) Increased knowledge of identifying, unlearning, and combatting racial bias and discrimination
- iii) Activities:
  - (1) December:
    - (a) Hamper Drive (Email sent to parents)
    - (b) Some classes doing boxes for DTE
    - (c) Entrepreneur Fair Today: Llamas / Foxes
    - (d) Band / Choir Concert Thursday Dec 8th (1:30pm & 7pm)
    - (e) Spirit Assembly Friday Dec 9th
    - (f) Performance Assembly Wednesday Dec 14th
    - (g) Report Cards Wednesday Dec 14th
    - (h) Santa Pancake Breakfast Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>
  - (2) January:
    - (a) Basketball and Wrestling
    - (b) School wide presentations
    - (c) Martial Arts in PHE
    - (d) Grade 8's: MDI / Articulation to Grade 9
  - (3) March:
    - (a) Grade 8 Seymour Trip
    - (b) Talent Show Set up and Auditions
- iv) Questions from PAC:
  - (1) Darren to inform Ian that PAC would like to be included in Health and Safety Committee
  - (2) Questioned if is any financial education in the curriculum, will follow up
  - (3) Number of students: 595
  - (4) Mike asked about Spelling Bee and Public Speaking
  - (5) Verbathon for French will be done within school, kits were purchased
- b) Vice Principal's Report – Ian Robertson
  - i) Absent, no report
- c) Executive Reports:
  - i) Chair: No report

- ii) Treasurer: No report
  - (1) Account Balances:
    - (a) Gaming \$23,923.65
    - (b) General \$10,195.17
- iii) DPAC: Emailed
  - (1) Election Results: [Trustees elections](#) on October 15. On November 9 Board will have their inaugural meeting.
  - (2) SD43's Ivano Cecchini wins prestigious B.C. Premier's Award for Excellence in Education
  - (3) Another topic from Reno: [Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and Action Plans for Learning](#).
  - (4) Craig Mah presented (District Principal of Special Projects). See District Annual Operational Plan pages 59 to 69 of the report. He explained how every school has its own action plan for learning. I took ours from the School Website, please see attached.
  - (5) Reno talked about the Student and Family Affordability Fund, we received as a district funds and they are figuring out how to help families in need. It is a bit more than 3 million.
  - (6) There were several questions for Reno, most outstanding a comment about anti black racism, real life episodes, how the issue of systemic racism is always present in our schools, all parents agreed and complained that the school district is not doing more about racism.
  - (7) Speakers invited by DPAC Stephanie Maki, Principal Indigenous Education. Danielle Kraichy, Indigenous Resource Teacher.
    - (a) They talked about Developing meaningful land acknowledgements. It was an interesting presentation about the differences between traditional welcomes and territorial acknowledgements, then the meaning of the land acknowledgements. Parents asked several questions about the issue. Land acknowledgment alone is not enough, it's merely a starting point but we all need to understand it.
    - (b) There are [lots of resources](#). Danielle said she is always happy to answer questions via email, feel free to email her. [dkraichy@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dkraichy@sd43.bc.ca)
- iv) Land Acknowledgement to be added to PAC meetings
- d) Vacant PAC Positions:
  - i) Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony Coordinators
  - ii) Fundraising Coordinator
- e) Hot Lunch Update:
  - i) 2 dates have been completed so far (Subway 153 orders & Pizza Pizza 273 orders) Subway went really well, 7 volunteers and ran smoothly. Staff was helpful. Pizza Pizza had hiccups with vendor so a bit late in the end, 1 out of 8 volunteers arrived. Staff helped fill in the gap. 125 kids were absent so a number of pizza weren't claimed.
  - ii) Going forward Hot Lunch will be once a month until a core group of volunteers.
  - iii) Suggestion was made to have Leadership students assist
- f) Review Correspondence/ Mail/ Communications: Nothing to review
- 6) Adjournment 8:26pm motioned by Mike and seconded by ; approved.
  - a) Next PAC Meeting: January 9, 2023

**Attendance:**



## Maple Creek PAC – Monthly Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Note: You must be the parent of a Maple Creek Student to vote. Only one parent from each household may cast a vote. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Child(ren) in Grade(s)
Mila van der Velden	7F
Jennifer Jarvis	6/8
Aviad Itzkovitch	6
Kavrosh Bagheri	6
Charles Shiv. Z Yeh	8
Jennifer Sam	7
Angela Mudie	6