

## MAPLE CREEK PAC MEETING MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7pm

Maple Creek Library

### **PAC Executive:**

PAC Chair – Mike van der Velden

Treasurer – Jennifer Jarvis (absent)

Secretary – Angela Mudie

DPAC – Nathalie Wang (absent)

- 1) Welcome/ Call to Order at 7:10pm by Mike van der Velden
- 2) Approval of Agenda (with additions 5e)  
Motion to approve by Angela, seconded by Mike; approved
- 3) Approval of Minutes from December 2022 Regular PAC Meeting  
No quorum, approval deferred to February meeting.
- 4) New Business:
  - a) Territorial Acknowledgement
    - i) Questions to Administration: what does the school use for their acknowledgement? Should there be an acknowledgement posted on the MC website?
      - (1) There is a SD43 standard and is personalized to space, group and activity. For example, the week starts with the SD43 standard over the PA; the acknowledgement for Truth and Reconciliation Day was personalized and had input from students.
      - (2) Administration would be open to posting an acknowledgement as long as it's was not just checking a box for the website, possibly post one personal to MC.
  - b) Progress report on staff wish list for Gaming Grant funds
    - i) Purchases have not been made yet
    - ii) Staff meeting Jan 9 discussed plan to make purchases
  - c) Communication options
    - i) It was agreed that there could be better uptake with meetings, PPL, etc... if there were a better communication plan
    - ii) MC PAC Facebook account to be created as this will have the widest reach to the parent community
    - iii) A virtual option will be added for the next meeting to encourage more attendance
  - d) Health and Safety Committee
    - i) This committee is not appropriate for parent involvement, this is employee driven and is Provincially mandated by Ministry with very defined guidelines and membership
    - ii) Administration will continue to work with PAC in regards to Emergency Preparedness
- 5) Ongoing Business:
  - a) Principal's Report – Darren Macmillan
    - i) December Successes and Challenges
      - (1) Hamper Drive: Very positive and supported a number of families in our communities

- (2) Report Cards: significant problems with the portal, not all of the elementary schools were not set up properly so report cards were not available. The solution was to print and distribute all report cards. This will be don't for the next reporting period as well
- (3) Santa Pancake Breakfast: Very positive!
- ii) Around the School in January
  - (1) STEAM Support Teacher: Gavin Hannah is in the building teaching and working with teachers and students for the month. Hands on resources provided by district to encourage hands on building and learning
  - (2) 10 new students started January 3; requests for enrollment are coming daily
  - (3) PAC Sponsored Presentation: Scheduled for January 13; school wide assembly with motivational speaker [D.O. Gibson](#)
  - (4) Middle Development Instrument: a self-report questionnaire that asks students in Grade 8 about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school and in the community.
  - (5) BC Learning Survey: similar to MDI but for Grade 7 students, parents will be getting a version of the survey as well.
  - (6) Grade 8 Articulation Start: District wide High School tour day: Pine Tree for English Charles Best for French
  - (7) Pro-D Day: January 30 with focus on Engagement and Literacy. In general, when students are asked, "Do you like reading?" the typical answer is, "I don't as much as I used to." The Pro-D Day will have a number of Middle Schools (Kwayhquitlum, Minnekhada, Maillard and Maple Creek) meeting to share ideas to increase reading engagement
  - (8) Extra Curricular: This term has Basketball, Wrestling and Talent Show practices (volleyball wrap up)
- b) Vice Principal's Report – Ian Robertson
  - i) Class Charter Development
    - (1) Curious how this could be a school wide structure and the charter can help in becoming more value based than rule based by applying 7 sacred Maple Creek values
    - (2) Points in each charter come from students and staff and administration
    - (3) Teachers, Administration and Students use the language in the charters with kids when there is harm or problems.
    - (4) Builds community
    - (5) Teachers asked to take back to class to further refine to develop a school wide charter
    - (6) Mike asked how do you measure success. It is a continual journey and is dynamic, a proactive tool to apply the charter throughout the year. Not necessarily quantitative.
- c) Executive Reports:
  - i) Chair: No report
  - ii) Treasurer: Absent, no report
  - iii) DPAC: Absent, no report
- d) Vacant PAC Positions:
  - i) Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony Coordinators – Position specific email to be sent by Administration on behalf of PAC to call out Grade 7 parents to volunteer
- e) Hot Lunch Update:
  - i) Ordering is open for two dates this term: January 26 (Subway) and February 23 (Pizza Pizza)
  - ii) Requesting 3 Leadership students to help between 11am – 1pm
- f) Review Correspondence/ Mail/ Communications: Nothing to review
- 6) Adjournment 8:04pm motioned by Angela and seconded by Mike; approved.
  - a) Next PAC Meeting: February 6, 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)
Mike Van der Velden	7F
Leah Barrington	8F
Azadeh Alavinezhad	7F
Angela Mudre	6