

Maple Creek PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

Executive Meeting Called to Order at 7:03pm

Attendance

Executive:

President: Angela Mudie (AM) - Present

Secretary: Amanda Dishaw (AD) - Present

Treasurer: Hank Sam (HS) - Present

Hot Lunch: Jennifer Sam (JS) - Present

Member at Large: Anna-Marie MacPherson (AM) - Present

Non-Executive:

Megan Keller (MK) - Absent (Vote pending update to Constitution)

Various Parent Attendees in-person (See attached)

Various Parent Attendees online

- Leelawati
- Yangaan

School:

Principal: Darren MacMillan (DM) - Present

Vice-Principal: Ian Robertson (IR) - Present

Agenda

Motion to accept Agenda: Motioned by AD, Seconded by HS

Approval of Minutes from September: Motioned by JS, Seconded by AD

Business from Past Minutes:

- Voting Matters
 - Constitution Amendment (*Voted and Approved*)
 - Section IX Point 1
 - 2024/25 Executive (*Voted and Approved*)
 - DPAC Representative - Heather McMullen (HM)
 - Member-at-Large - Megan Keller
 - 2024/25 Budget (*Voted and Approved*)
 - Presented at the last meeting

Principal Report:

- October in Review

- Team Talks
 - Reminders about Caring
 - Appropriate Behaviours
 - Learning about Bystander Mentality
- Class Reviews
 - Across the board very positive feedback from teachers
 - Teachers focusing on class work, resilience
 - Student responsibilities about work behaviours improving
- Triad Conferences
 - Feedback about length of meetings being challenging for some families and potentially longer times optional for families
- Sports/Fine Arts/Leadership
 - Increased participation
 - Increased participation across the board in sports
 - Remembrance Day Assembly
 - Drama club, band did a great job
 - Maple Creek Ambassadors
 - Grown in numbers and teacher support
 - Halloween “we scare hunger” was big success
 - First Art Exploration cycle feedback
 - Classroom teachers are teaching art (Group of 6 teachers)
 - Feedback was that it was good, some projects in mind were perhaps too ambitious but fine tuning has happened
- November/December
 - TCO2 Participation “Taking Care of Ourselves and Taking Care of Others” (Teen mental health and social responsibility presentation)
 - YMCA Presentations (Workshops in classrooms at teachers request on topics like focusing in class, problems dealing with friends, etc.)
 - Winter Band/Choir Concert (one in evening, one during the day)
 - Report Cards for end of December
 - Pancake Breakfasts/Food Drives
 - Ambassadors plan School Spirit Days for that time
- FSA - Grade 7 Foundational Skills Assessment
 - Numbers are way up this year, participation of children is way up
 - Coming home in early December for Grade 7 students
- Immunizations for Grade 6 coming up December
 - Facilitated by Fraser Health, questions to go to Fraser Health
- Lost & Found pile is growing
- Emergency Drills underway, real-life test with power outage in October.

Executive Reports:

- Chair Report:
 - AM provided
- Hot Lunch Report:

- JS provided report
- 3 hot lunches so far this term, 2 more to go this term
- All new vendors who have been great to work with (positive feedback from Los Takos, Dominos, etc.)
- Grade 8 volunteers are going well
- Orders are up 20% year over year (325-350 orders per cycle)
- PAC is providing hot lunch for 13 students
- Treasurer Report:
 - HS provided report (attached)
 - Budget is what was passed earlier, main source of revenue is Hot Lunches (approximately \$4K net/year) and Gaming Grant (\$11-12K approximately)
 - All expenses are according to budget, about \$35K in cash in Gaming/General accounts
 - Slowly use funds (approximately \$24K) according to approved budgets and leave a little bit of cash for next year
- DPAC Report:
 - To be attached to agenda, HM not present

Other Business:

- New Business:
 - AM proposed a separate feedback session to review additional edits to Constitution in time for February General Meeting
 - Fruit & Veggie Program
 - Is this run at Middle School program? DM confirmed that it is received. Fruit is distributed by school, and used as extra food in the classrooms
 - There is sufficient food in the school to support the kids who need it, and all kids with this program
 - Teacher Wishlist
 - School Wide Wishlist \$8500
 - Pop-up Tents \$2500 (already purchased)
 - Ramp \$1250 (already purchased)
 - Field hockey sticks \$500
 - Shelves/Storage/Art Supplies/ELL Hub \$1500 (partially purchased)
 - Wireless Sound System \$1750
 - Carnival \$7000
 - Rental of Rides (down payment already done)
 - Food Support for those who need
 - Class Fund (\$200/class = \$5000)
 - Support for teaching and learning in the class (i.e., mini whiteboards or document cameras)
 - Support for class activities (i.e., cultural celebrations)
 - Items say with team/class
 - Art and Games

- Staff would love more games for lunch, etc.
- Trying to use school accessibility fund, and PAC for difference

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm