

## MAPLE CREEK PAC MEETING MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7pm

Maple Creek Library & Zoom

### **PAC Executive:**

PAC Chair – Mike van der Velden



Treasurer – Jennifer Jarvis (absent)

Secretary – Angela Mudie

DPAC – Nathalie Wang

- 1) Welcome/ Call to Order at 7:06pm by Mike van der Velden
- 2) Approval of Agenda (with additions 4e)  
Motion to approve by Angela, seconded by Mike; approved
- 3) Approval of Minutes from December 2022 & January 2023 Regular PAC Meeting  
Motion to approve Angela, seconded by Charles; approved
- 4) New Business:
  - a) Territorial Acknowledgement
    - i) District just released a new acknowledgement developed in close collaboration with the Kwikwetlem First Nation. PAC is welcome to use this version at regular meetings and can be added to based on need with assistance from the school.
  - b) Progress report on staff wish list for Gaming Grant funds
    - i) Administration are purchasing items. The list has been split by team to purchase and will send receipts for PAC.
  - c) Communication Options: Group was asked if there were any volunteers to open and manage a Maple Creek PAC Facebook page; no one stepped forward.
  - d) Health and Safety Committee
    - i) No other building issue and heating is working in that end of the building
  - e) Hot Lunch Update
    - i) 3 lunches so far and based on the treasurer report there has been a profit of approx. \$3500
    - ii) At the last Hot Lunch there were 3 student helpers instead of parent volunteers which worked out great; we would like to continue with this.
    - iii) Some students are registered in wrong division so food has been sent to the wrong classroom. This was quickly fixed.
    - iv) Next lunch is scheduled for February 23; Pizza Pizza; there are currently 8 outstanding unpaid orders, reminders will be sent for payment; 352 slices ordered (approx 250 students)
    - v) Reimbursement has been challenging and suggest developing a process.
    - vi) Handful of students have come to set up saying they thought their parents ordered. If they have a lunch, they are sent back to class, if they don't Jen provides with extras. In future, the school will order lunches for students that may not be able to afford hot lunch.
- 5) Ongoing Business:
  - a) Principal's Report – Darren Macmillan
    - i) What's been happening

- (1) Extra Curricular: Administration attended the first Wrestling match, the energy was awesome. A few Grade 8 basketball games have been nail biter right to last second. Auditions and rehearsals have started for the talent show.
- (2) STEAM Ambassador: There is a committed group of students that are interested in doing something related to nature. Gavin Hannah has been helping the students and there are plans to clean and revitalised a small part of Maple Creek. City Creek Keepers have come to meet students.
- (3) Grade 8 Course selection: high schools are starting to come to Maple Creek for course selection.
- (4) New Students: Enrollment is at 600 students now, a new student enrolled approximately every 3 days. Our Grade 6 population is the lowest with 7 & 8 being significantly larger. It is anticipated that number of Grade 5s coming in September will bring numbers back to normal.
- (5) Staffing Updates
  - (a) Vanessa T: Secretary that was replacing someone on medical leave so filling a temporary line, the incumbent took a different job so reposted the line was posted as permanent, a new head secretary is starting after Family Day.
  - (b) David L: Currently 4 days a week and we were able to hire him to student services one day a week making him full time.
  - (c) Debby M: Youth worker; off for medical reasons; she is expected to be off for a length of time for recovery; a replacement will be covering for a few weeks.
  - (d) Laura W: Grade 8 teacher; has been off since Christmas for personal, we've had 2 teachers in as replacement.
  - (e) Lena M: twins on the way, will be on mat leave in spring.
- ii) Calendar Up to Spring Break
  - (1) Real Acts of Caring: Leadership giving out candy grams
  - (2) Pink Shirt Day February 23
  - (3) Grade 8 Field Trip: Up mountain, the school is looking for winter wear for students that don't have appropriate gear. If an item is donated it would be for one day and returned
- iii) Action Plan for Learning (APL)
  - (1) Pro-D Day: Literacy goal: shared ideas to increase the joy, engagement and focused reading.
  - (2) 7 Sacred Teaching Update: We are using a value based approach, each class has values that they are focusing on. This is a framework for that work. The points in each teaching are a consolidation of student input that staff prioritized. Staff are looking at ways to apply and bring these points to day-to-day life. There is ongoing discussion among teams regarding the growth of APL. This is the first year we have done something like this and it will be further developed and refined each year. PAC Question: Are the students who identify as First Nations/Indigenous involved in peer teaching? Somewhat, responsibility in our school is on all teachers, not just those in indigenous education. Administration is open to encourage opportunities for Indigenous students to peer teach if they are open to it and comfortable, they are never forced.
  - (3) Inclusive and Positive Space Groups: These are spaces where students can learn from each other, space where students feel safe. We will be looking at bringing in other opportunities for learning. We have a call on Wednesday to organize a school wide presentation focusing on Internet Safety. Students are actively approaching staff with challenges they are having which shows the level of trust students have in their teachers and Administration.

- iv) After Spring Break
    - (1) Maple Creeks Got Talent: Parents welcomed
    - (2) Grade 5 Activities
      - (a) Basketball Jamboree: We will be welcoming Grade 5 Basketball teams for a fun, Friendly tournament
      - (b) Grade 5 students will be welcome to attend Maple Creeks Got Talent
      - (c) Grade 5 Parent Information Night
      - (d) Above activities will start to pick up in the spring
    - (3) May Pro-D: This is a school scheduled Pro-D Day and is currently scheduled for the Friday before Victoria Day (May 19). Administration is wondering how problematic it would be to move the Pro-D Day to the Tuesday after long weekend (May 23). PAC thoughts- no objections but early communication would be important. The purpose of this change is due to the Grade 8 Quebec trip that is occurring the week after Victoria Day.
    - (4) 2023/24 School Year Class Placement: Parent input and planning information will be sent after spring break.
  - b) Vice Principal's Report – Ian Robertson
    - i) Incorporated in Principal report
  - c) Executive Reports:
    - i) Chair: No report.
    - ii) Treasurer: Absent, no report.
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 Budget & Expenses
- iii) DPAC: January 25 via Zoom.
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  - 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) Review Correspondence/ Mail/ Communications: Nothing to review
- 6) Adjournment 7:59pm motioned by Angela and seconded by Mike; approved.
    - a) Next PAC Meeting: March 27, 2023

**Attendance:**

ZOOM

Jennifer Sam  
 Hossein Ghodrati  
 Theo Fakorede  
 Javad Razzaghi  
 Natalie W  
 Joanna Daniels  
 Amanda S  
 Rhea Del Veccio

Amir Sharifi  
Sharam Zarghami  
M Ahboubeh

In Person  
Charles Yeh