

Maple Leaf Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th

Library, 6:20 p.m.

Attendees:

Kayla D

Stacey

Ashley

Amanda

Evan

Jamie

Sherry

Liz

Adel

Melanie

Amanda

Mel

Erica

Erica

Ashley & Stacey approve Feb minutes

Principal Report March 10, 2026

Committee Work and School Endeavours

1. School Extra-Curriculars
 - Gr. 4/5 MYRCA Book Club (Day 5's)
 - Gr. 3-5 Esports (Day 4's)
 - Gr. 3-5 Tumbling Rally
 - Recorder Club
 - Smudge Leadership

2. Assemblies and Whole School Activities
 - I Love to Read month wrapped up with an assembly and Forest Friends read-a-loud.
 - Our Tumbling Rally team are going to present to us on March 18th in an assembly.
 - Our Spring Equinox event is planned with Donwood and Emerson School to be held here on March 19th.

3. Professional Learning

- Academic Learning – We continue to leverage our divisional training as part of the pilot for the new Science Curriculum, the RETSD Design Framework, and the provincial reading assessment tools. The changes in our timetable continue to be valued through the additional connections and adults supporting literacy and numeracy enrichment period 3 each day.
- Wellness – We continue to see the benefits of our new schedule and the various ways students are starting their mornings with intentionally selected regulation activities.
- IAA – Our drum and rattle group is working hard at preparing for our Spring Equinox Celebration. They have been creating a video to help explain the process they underwent to build and prepare the drums and rattles we are now using. We are also connected with supporting the divisional Powwow on May 20th.

Upcoming events:

- Report cards available online on Thursday, March 12th
- Tumbling Rally presentation at BWS, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- Spring Equinox Event on March 19th at 5:30 p.m.
- March 20th – Professional Learning Day for staff
- March 26th – PAC movie night at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Request: Financial support of approximately \$350 to purchase Painted Lady butterfly kits for four grade 2 and 2/3 classes learning about Growth and Changes in Animals and Habitats and Lifecycles.

March 10th, 2026

Hello Maple Leaf PAC,

We are writing to you to ask for your support with an upcoming project. Mrs. Dueck, Ms. Gacek, Ms. Sharma and Mrs. Buffie's class are hoping to purchase painted lady butterfly kits to arrive in May. Coming from Butterfly's Wings & Wishes inc. From Edmonton, Alberta.

All grade 2 and 2/3 class plan to combine the learning outcomes of Growth and Changes in Animals and Habitats and lifecycles with this project. Students will help prepare for the larvae's arrival, feed them and watch as they develop into a Chrysalis. At the end of the unit, all classes will gather in the back field and celebrate the release of their painted lady

butterflies. We believe this ties wonderfully with our land-based learning we are all engaging in. Raising the caterpillars to become strong, independent butterflies will not only teach the students about growth and change but the butterflies will become pollinators for our wonderful land we learn on and enjoy. They also will enjoy our pollinator garden that we planted last year.

We are requesting the following (approximate):

Two classroom kits \$99 each

Includes: Food, containers, baby caterpillars (25 approx.)

3 flight cages (\$24 each) all will then be placed in the maker space for other classes to use in the future

Delivery & Tax (\$50) Coming from Edmonton

Approx \$340-350 for all 4 classes to participate

Thank you with gratitude,

The Grade 2, 2/3 students, Mrs. Dueck, Ms. Gacek, Ms. Sharma and Mrs. Buffie

Financial Report

- Current balance \$5203.62
- We have extra funds. The goal is to never have a big surplus
- Hot lunches we hope to make \$100/lunch, but we have made \$2385 in profit already. Mostly due to donations
 - Next year we could take the mark-up down
- First proposal: match our support for the Spring concert. For the winter concert we donated \$1000, can we do the same for the Spring concert?
 - Voted & APPROVED
- Second proposal: we budgeted \$250 to support 2 teacher lunches. Increase the \$10/teacher, to \$320
 - Voted & APPROVED

- Third proposal: An extra \$1000-\$1500 in teacher grants.
 - The grade 2's and 3 Teachers would like money for their butterfly project
 - Voted & APPROVED
 - Or for a school field trip at the end of the year (zoo & Oak hammock marsh)
 - A \$5 Mountain Bean gift card. There are 22 teachers, 11 EA's, 1 Library tech, 2 principals, 2 secretaries. \$190 total
 - Voted & APPROVED

Divisional PAC Meeting (Ashely & Erica attended)

- Big focus on the budget
- They want parents to advocate with their MLA's about the funding of schools. It's broken up from residential and commercial taxes, but school districts without commercial buildings get less funding
 - Our MLA is Rochelle Schott, we need to contact her
- There is another budget meeting tomorrow at 5:45pm in person or online (they post everything on their Facebook page, RETSD)
- We will send out Powerpoint slides from the last meeting
- Super PAC about how the division supports Mental Health is on Saturday April 25th at Bernie Wolf, 8:30-1:30,
 - Ashley will be going, another member can attend as well (need to know by this Friday)

Hot Lunch/Snack Cart

- Boston Pizza was the last hot lunch, went good
- March 25th Smoke'n Bobs hot lunch – Liz won't be able to be here, need someone else to run it. 11:45-12:30

Upcoming events:

- March 12th report cards
- March 26th Movie Night – Honey I Shrunk the Kids & Dogman
 - There will be a pizza hotline order available as well under Movie Night at Munch-a-Lunch
 - 6 volunteers for Canteen for the first hour, then 2 after that
 - 5:30 start time

- Purdy's delivery that same night, need a few volunteers after school to sort
- Hot lunch end of April 22, Subway
- April 23rd, Spring Concert
 - Canteen & 50/50. Two showtimes. Apply for permit, need volunteers
- May 27th Boston Pizza hot lunch
- June 17th Family Fun Fair
 - Booked the Fit Kids Motion Zone (\$200)
 - Evan Morgan Magician - walk around magic for an hour \$400
 - Book Swap Table – Ms. Dyck wants to help volunteer for the table
 - April start putting something in the e-memo for the book swap
 - Email Sarah from Kids Korner about her funding
 - She will do bouncy castle and tattoos
 - Food
 - Kinderlinks does the parachute
 - Ashley to reach out to the reading tent
- June 25th Hot Lunch
- Grade 5 Farewall we give \$250 dollars
- We bought popsicles for field day

Next PAC meeting April 14th

Meeting ended 7:47pm