

Maple Leaf Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

Library, 6:29 p.m.

Attendance:

- Mel C.
- Stacey K.
- Erica D.
- Erica S.
- Sherry
- Amanda
- Jamie
- Ashley
- Adel

Principal's Report, March 11, 2025

Committee Work and School Endeavours

1. Reconfiguration Update

o We have confirmed that we will be supporting 5 new classrooms in the school, which means that Kinder Links and Kids Korner will be altering their programming to support the school reclaiming 2 classrooms. We are working closely with both programs to ensure the smooth transition and minimal interruptions to services.

o We will be hosting students from BW that are going to ML students in May, along with a Parent/Guardian information night.

o We have invited the new families to attend our community smudge on March 20 th .

2. School and Community

o Student-Led Conferences are this week

o March 20 th is our Maple Leaf-Emerson School Community Smudge and Elderberry Day events.

o Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on March 24 th

3. Professional Learning

o Academic Learning – We continue to focus on accelerating student achievement and met as a

staff last week to reflect on the data, the current research, and our schedules to prepare for the 4th round of learning groups.

o Wellness – we have seen a significant decrease in aggressive peer interactions with the increase in clubs, recess equipment, and the support of conflict leaders.

o IAA – our smudge leadership team have presented to the entire school about the ways we smudge at ML and in many of our student’s homes. We have now extended this opportunity to non-Indigenous students through the parent/guardian permission slip that went home last week. Students who wish to smudge, and have parent/guardian permission will be invited to take part once per week with the leadership team.

o EAL – We are continuing to learn and acknowledge all the many ways families in our community celebrate special occasions. We have also seen an increase in students moving into our school these past few weeks with limited English, which has meant opportunities for our student ambassadors to support early learning and routines.

Upcoming events:

- o Student Celebration Conferences, March 15-17th
- o Elderberry Day and the Community Smudge March 20th
- o Spring Break March 29th – April 6th

Inviting Bernie Wolfe parents May 14th in the evening to introduce them to the school, PAC could attend to meet them.

Financial Report:

- Balance is currently \$4858
- Budgeted supplies for March Boston Pizza, April Salisbury, parent night out fundraiser, purdy’s, grade 5 farewell lunch and family day
- We would end the year just above \$3000

Munch a Lunch

- The increase in students next year might affect hot lunches. We'll have to see how it works and if the restaurants can accommodate those numbers and how distribution goes on the day of – may need more volunteers
- Smoke n Bobs was pretty good, the kids liked it. No cheese on the burgers, vegetarian hot dogs weren't great.
- May 21 and June 18th put forward for the next hot lunch – they both work
- Perogy Planet as an option for lunch? \$8 and lots of options

Events

- Everyone loved the art fair, great feedback
 - More volunteers if we do it again
 - The teachers loved hearing the kids explaining their work to their parents
 - Don't do it in February next year – too much with I love to read month
 - Raised \$483 from the canteen and supplies were \$105
- We should get a Volunteer coordinator for events next year – keeping a volunteer master list
- April 17th Movie night – Chips/water/juice canteen
 - Pick three movies and get the kids to vote
 - Order pizza from munch-a-lunch for movie night. Get them to sign up ahead of time and have it delivered – just do individual pizzas. Liz/Mel looking into Pizza Hotline
- June 18th Family Fun Day
 - Email Sport Manitoba about working it
 - Bounce house?
 - Magician?
 - Ask Kids Corner to come to our May meeting to help plan it, see if they're interested

Fundraiser

- Purdy's March 26th orders due

Parent night in May?

- Bingo/trivia night to socialize

Amanda made a motion to acquire a gift card for a parent who made a significant fundraising contribution as appreciation. Ashley seconds it. All in favour. Motion passed

They cleaned out the back room. There are 7 cases of water available for PAC, 1 case of chips 1 ½ cases of juice boxes and 20 wagon wheels.

Meeting end at 7:56pm