

Maple Leaf Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Library, 6:05 p.m.

Attendance:

- Liz F.
- Stacey K.
- Erica D.
- Erica R.
- Sherry F.
- Amanda D.
- Adel F.
- Giselle O.
- Amanda Dawson
- Mel
- Jordan Watson
- Ashley F
- Chloe W
- Sarah M
- Jenny Z
- Conrad R
- Carolynne S
- Marie K
- Melanie R
- Rae M
- Venisha B
- Jason F
- Jonathan S

Principals Report, September 16, 2025

Welcome all new and returning PAC members! We were so grateful to have such a great turnout from our school community at the Welcome Back BBQ and Meet and Greet. With so many changes this year, we are wanting to share our appreciation and enthusiasm for the upcoming year.

Staffing Changes:

- New Staff Updates: Mr. Murray (Vice-Principal), Ms. Rocha Spraggs (Grade 1 p.m.), Mrs. Beinert (Resource), Mr. Hildebrandt (Phys. Ed.), Ms. Hendrickson (Phys. Ed.), Ms. Chung (Grade 5), Mr. Kozaszca (Grade 4), Ms. Eichler (Grade 3/4), Ms. Kaur (Grade 3).

School Resource Officer (SRO):

- We continue to have support from the Winnipeg Police from our School Resource Officer, Constable Wes Dow.

Policy and System Changes:

- **SIS** – We are continuing to learn and leverage Power School to support our Student Information System. More features will be forthcoming to families throughout the year.
- **Universally Accessible School Nutrition Program** – We will be maintaining many elements of our current nutrition program with the guidance of Mr. Murray and continuing to receive additional staffing support (5hrs/week) of one of our lunch supervisors who will help with the preparation of healthy snacks.

Committee Work and School Endeavours:**School Extra-curriculars**

- Cross Country Run Club began last week for grades 3-5 students
- MYRCA book club for grade 4-5 students
- Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy selection committee met to identify 25 students for participation in the program.

Patrol and other Leadership Opportunities

- New patrols are doing excellent! They are very keen to do their jobs
- Mr. Khinich and Ms. Yarish are the lead supervisors if you have patrol related questions this year
- Student Leadership is being organized by Mr. Watson and supported by various staff

Professional Learning

- **Curriculum Connections** – We have adapted our timetable to have all students in dedicated reading and numeracy interventions everyday period 3. We believe this will continue our work from last year building strong reading and writing connections as well as add time for numeracy skill development in an alternative way.
- **Comprehensive School Health**– September is the month we focus on teaching and reteaching Zones of Regulation, PBIS expectations, and build our classroom treaties. Helping students feel

safe and connected at school is our primary focus, with personal goal setting for academic achievement and excellence as our secondary focus. • **Cultural Inclusion** – September is the month we focus on teaching and building treaties, share grade appropriate learning relating to Orange Shirt Day, and begin developing our cultural celebrations and observances calendar for the year. We are using resources collected from our students and from our community to help guide our school learning.

• **Reconciliation and Indigenous Education** – We are using resources from the First Nations Caring Society, the Treaty Relation Commission of Manitoba, as well as Elders and Knowledge Keepers to support our ongoing commitment to the work of the Calls to Action. All staff will be engaged in two-days of treaty training in October as part of this work.

Upcoming events:

- **Bus Evacuation Drills Oct. 1st and Oct. 2nd**
- **International Day of Peace, Sept. 21st**
- **Divisional Cross-country run at Bird's Hill Park (Gr 3-5), Sept 24th**
- **Drum Feast, Sept. 25th**
- **Terry Fox Run, Sept 26th**
- **Orange Shirt Day Assembly, Sept 29th**

Questions from attendees:

- Picture & description of all staff and roles
 - Numbers of students and staff – there are 16 classrooms (13 Gr1-5, 3 Kindergarten)
- Parent portal not working for some

PAC GOALS

Upcoming events:

- Halloween dance Oct 29th or 30th?
 - 5:30-7
 - Kids love it, canteen helps raise money
- Parent teacher conferences

Fundraising:

- Bring ideas to next meeting
- Jamie is running a fundraiser for September already

Financial Report

- Started last year at \$2907
- Ended \$4199
- Hot lunch make about ~\$1 profit per meal, not trying to make a lot of money. There is a donation option though that does well
- Money to get dinner for teachers during conferences – we did KE last year. ~\$400 to spend on food
- Teacher Grants: We gave \$125 to each classroom last year, we can do \$125 to all 16 classroom OR give \$2000 for teacher grants that anyone can apply for (a quick paragraph of what they need and why)
 - One option: PAC will notify teachers they can apply for 'grants' throughout the year that they can combine for one large item collectively or individually smaller amounts
 - Second Option: Can we reduce to \$100 to be able to support all 21 groups (classrooms plus resource, phys ed, music and library equally?)
 - Ask staff at next staff meeting which option they'd prefer

PAC Positions:

Chair: Amanda D

Vice Chair: Rae Metcalfe they/them – voted in

Secretary: Stacey (backup Secretary?)

Treasurer: Amanda & Elena Li Co-treasurers

Volunteer Coordinator: Erica D

Hot Lunch Coordinators: Liz & Mel

Communications Coordinator: Adel

Division Wide PAC representative (2x a year): Giselle Oakley & Ashley

Members at Large

- Do PAC on Zoom then there is a language translation option
- Ask if there are people who want to volunteer but have a barrier to participating
- Propose incentives next meeting for getting volunteers
- Ask Kim to include in the e-memo to get a list of people who want to volunteer

Hot Lunch

- Will start in October
- We want to transition to only virtual sign-ups on munch-a-lunch – exceptions made only if they don't have access to getting online
- Will need more day-of volunteers
- Bernie Wolfe did \$3 per slice of pizza

- Booster juice as an option as a snack before Christmas

Meeting end 7:45pm