

Maple Leaf Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 13thh

Library, 6 p.m.

Attendance:

- Jordan
- Erica D
- Erica R
- Sherry
- Stacey
- Amanda

Principals Report Nov. 13, 2024:

1. We had several student-led initiatives this month:

- Thanksgiving activities
- Diwali learning and celebration
- Hindu Heritage Month
- Indigenous Veterans & Remembrance Day

2. We recognized hallway expectations in our first blitz with over 400 tickets handed out for demonstrations of expected hallway behaviours, and more than 30 prizes. Our next target area is recess activities. We have a large group of students organizing a “Tag” game each recess leveraging arm bands to help ensure they know who is playing in which game.

3. Staff learning this past month has been to support our work on accelerated skill development. We are continuing to leverage multi-aged learning strategies as we target student specific learning goals. We are also continuing our learning in relation to the new reporting software. As you may have noticed, report cards will be coming home via email next week and then available on the parent portal next term with any luck. Please note: the electronic file email will only be accessibly for 7 days! You must download, print, or save it to have access until the portal is operational.

4. Nutrition update. Yes, the guide indicates specific criteria for all special lunch opportunities at

schools. This document has been in practice since 2014. It looked like the change in vending machines primarily. With the new provincially supported nutrition program, this document is more relevant to what we do in EY. As a result, we need to ensure we are serving healthy options 4 times in between each less healthy option. The school will handle organizing and reporting on the 4 “healthy” lunches.

Report Cards

- In Powersoft you have to download the report card within 7 days or it expires

Nutrition Update:

- Only 1 in every 5 snacks/hot lunches can be unhealthy, we believe also including snacks provided in classrooms on a daily basis
- What we need from PAC – lunches need to include water/skim/1%/2%/chocolate milk or 100% fruit or vegetable juice AND a vegetable or fruit (toppings don't count)
- We don't have a fridge to store milk – just start with 100% juice
- We need to offer a fruit/veg add-on with hot lunch orders (nutritional program will cover this)
- January start for this

Financial Report

- Parent council balance is \$2572 (includes payment of teacher grants and munch a lunch money)
- Halloween dance canteen sold \$780 – and lots of food leftover
- We have the supplies for Oct hot lunch
- Winter concert canteen and 50/50 coming up – we will pay for the sound
- \$10/person for the teacher lunch Nov 22nd
- Two more hot lunch payouts and supplies coming
- We should be sitting at a balance just shy of \$2000 heading into the winter

October Debrief

- Kids LOVED the Halloween dance
- During the dance the back door was propped open to cool if off – lots of kids ran out to play on the play structure. We'll have to watch that door for future dances or block it off
- Some kids showed up without an adult, we need to make note of that on the poster that kids can't attend without an adult
- Also add cash only to the poster for the canteen
- The donation jar got pretty full, it was just added to the float

Hot Lunches

- Nov 27th pizza

- We need someone to purchase the snacks and the day of coordinating as Liz is away – Erica said she can do this
- Dec 18th Pita Pit
- Figure out hot lunches for the New Year

Fundraising

- Callout for volunteers next week to hand everything out, from 4 - 5:30pm on the 28th
- They'll drop Moms Pantry and Shelmerdine off sometime in the afternoon, times to be confirmed

Winter Concert on Mon Dec 16th

- We got the permit to do a 50/50, we have to display it
- No arms length for 50/50, has to be a certain amount per ticket (can't get a discount for buying more)
- Do \$5/\$10/\$20 50/50 options
- We have lots of tickets to use for 50/50 still
- Canteen – use the chips we have, get water?
- Send out email for volunteers – four for afternoon, four for evening
- Auction off parking spots?

Spring Event/Art Showcase in February

- Showcase of kids art and a craft activity for the community
- Ask every classroom to have a showcase of art to display
- Figure out what date to run it
- Need to rsvp so we have a head count, a \$2 ticket to cover supplies?
- Beading station/painting – open to any ideas. If you have any good ideas for a craft station, feel free to share!

Purdy's chocolate fundraiser in April for Easter

June pancake breakfast?

May Mother's day Fundraiser – Main St Shops of St Andrews do a hanging basket?

End of May/June – parent fundraiser/hangout night? Bingo, paint night, trivia?

End of School Family Fun Day – have more carnival type games this year instead of a performer (dunk tank, ring toss, etc)

Start doing a December/year end report showing how PAC is doing