

## **Maple Leaf Parent Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**In Person: School Library**

**Attendees: Kayla D., Aynsley K., Amanda D., Melanie C., Gurpreet K., Maninder S.C., Carl C., Maria C., Jamie E.**

**Minutes: Jamie Evans**

**Welcome and Introductions meeting started at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Roles on the Committee and Structure:**

Chairperson: organizes committee, creates agenda, monitors communications, supports other sub-committees

Co-Chairperson: organizes committee, creates agenda, monitors communications, supports other sub-committees

Treasurer: monitors finances, provides financial updates, prepares deposits

Secretary: records the minutes for all meetings

Fundraising: organizes and facilitates fundraiser events (i.e., Peak of the Market, Kernels, Plant sales)

Events: organizes and facilitates community events (i.e., dances, bbq, movie nights, paint/craft nights)

Playground Initiative: supports sub-committee of teachers, daycare, and other's creating and fundraising for a new playground space.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Current account balance is: \$1115.48 with \$900 earmarked for classrooms from last year.

### **Upcoming Events:**

None planned yet

### **Principals Report:**

Welcome all new and returning PAC members! We were so grateful to have 2/3 of our school community join us on our first in person event of the year: the Welcome Back BBQ. We felt the connection for staff, students, and families BEFORE the first day of school was a great way to ease some of the first day jitters. We had enough remaining hot dogs to feed every student that wanted one, another hot dog during our first week back as well.

### **Current COVID Pandemic Response GREEN:**

- We are excited to be starting the year as a "normal" year.

- The changes to our school for GREEN are:
  - Masks are individual choice
  - No weekly updates from the school relating to absenteeism or COVID
  - Cohorts are no longer required
  - Recesses are together in the AM and PM
  - Students are sitting and participating in group learning
  - Choir and extra-curricular activities have begun
  - We can have volunteers again
- The things that stayed the same:
  - Continued sanitizing and hand washing protocols
  - No remote learning
  - Staggered lunches
  - Dedicated doors and washrooms
  - Messaging around staying home when you are feeling sick

### **Committee Work and School Endeavours:**

#### School Extra-curriculars

- Cross Country Run Club began this morning for grades 3-5 students

#### Patrol and other Leadership Opportunities

- New patrols are doing excellent! They are very keen to do their jobs
- Mr. Khinich is the lead supervisor if you have patrol related questions this year
- School Leadership will be organized by Mrs. Gacek this year. Opportunities for grade 4 and 5 leadership will identify ways we can support the environment, wellness, engagement, and safety.

#### Assemblies and Whole School Activities

- We had our first assembly on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> to review schoolwide expectations and introduce our first Kindness Blitz. Students will receive *Sweetness Tickets* when someone sees them doing something kind for someone else. Once we reach 100 we will have an extra long recess.
- We are planning our next assembly to support our learning around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The assembly will be on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### Professional Learning

- Academic Learning – We are beginning our year focusing on building strong reading and writing connections. We have several supports in place to develop reading and writing, especially for those who are still working to catch up with their same age peers. We will be planning a community event night to share some of the strategies we use to support students as they learn to see themselves as readers and writers.
- Wellness – 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 this year.

- IAA – We are focusing on treaties and grade appropriate learning relating to Orange Shirt Day this month. We are using resources from the First Nations Caring Society and the Treaty Relation Commission of Manitoba to help guide our school learning.  
Our plan is to begin our Smudge Leadership group on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This group will form by inviting students who self-identify as Indigenous to join Mrs. Evans and any staff wanting to participate. Parent/guardian permission slips will be required and will be sent home this week. We will be using our school grown Sage that was harvested in June with our divisional IAA team.
- EAL – our Newcomer population continues to grow, increasing several our classrooms supporting the acquisition of English as an additional language this year. This means many items are labelled, and buddy learning has been arranged to help these students learn to communicate in English more quickly.

#### Upcoming events:

- **School Picture Day, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> (Even day Kindergarten will be Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> during retakes)**
- **Terry Fox Run, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> with Emerson School**
- **Smudge Leadership first smudge, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **Divisional Cross-country run at Bird's Hill Park (Gr 3-5), Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Orange Shirt Day, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### Round Table:

- **What is the money fundraised used for?** Supporting the “extras” for our kids. For example, subsidizing field trips, supporting classroom consumables, hosting events. All money spent is shared in communications from the school to ensure families know how PAC fundraisers are supporting their children.
- **Are we having a Winter Concert?** Yes, there will be multiple shows on December 8<sup>th</sup> to support attendance for all who want to come.
- **Concerns or Questions from parents to share at PAC?** Strength-based, ideas is our focus. For example, one parent last year was wanting to find ways to connect with other parents in the community. This request led to planning our Family Fun Night. Another parent was concerned about digital bullying, so this led to us organizing a TEAMS presentation on digital safety. Concerns about school related issues should come to the principal.
- **Expectations/Time commitment if you choose to be involved?** We meet once per month for about an hour. Additional time/expectations vary depending on the event you may be supporting.
- **Committee role sign-up?** Jamie will send the minutes to all who participated or sent regrets. Please respond to the email if there is a role you wish to support.

**Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

**Next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> on TEAMS.** Meeting link to be shared via school e-memo the day prior.