

Maplehurst School Council

Monday, December 4, 2023

Attendance – Stephen, Isabel, Lea, Zeynep, Jaklyn, Erin, Danielle, Beth, Kelly, Dina, Glenda, Candice, Wendy

Land Acknowledgement (Isabel)

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approval of agenda for tonight

Principal's Update (Steve and Kelly)

- Thank you to the volunteers for Pumpkin Walk and Movie Night hosted by school council
- Class-themed donation baskets are getting ready by the classrooms. In future we can use QR codes for sales, prices must be under \$5
- Winter Concert rehearsal Dec. 13th all grades will watch K-Grade 3 students perform
- Winter Concert shows will be at 2pm and 6:30pm on Dec. 14th. Limited to two persons per performer due to capacity in the gym. Doors will open at 1:30pm and 6:00pm.
- Last week the Trustee and Superintendent were hosted at Maplehurst for their fall visit. Student Ambassador's gave a tour of the school and were able to showcase the Maplehurst spirit!
- French Immersion applications close on January 31, 2024. All applications are due by the deadline, so it is important that applications be received before that date
- Winter Carnival will be celebrated on March 1st at Maplehurst (outdoor fun day!)
- Ask – Will School Council to consider a second teacher fund part way through the school year of \$100 per classroom to help teachers support the programs in their classrooms?
- Ask – Will School Council consider supporting new jerseys for school sports programs? (note, school materials need to be purchased from a vendor listed in the HDSB tender list)
- Do we have a system in place to track volunteers so that we can recognize everyone at the Volunteer Tea in the Spring

Teacher's Update (Lea)

- A colouring contest is open until Dec. 14th for all grades
- Volleyball tryouts for Grades 5 & 6 are happening
- The Maverick award for next month is for 'Setting a Goal'
- Planet Patrol is challenging each class to build an art piece in the New Year
- Clubs for various grades are up and running! Students can join Reading Club (Grades 3-6) Cubing club (Grades 3-6) Kindness Club (currently for Grade 3) and Jump Rope (Grades 3-6)

Treasurer's Report (Isabel on behalf of Lindsay)

- Movie Night - We earned \$700 at movie night! Approximately 200 people attended
- Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to such a successful event!
- School Council will host hot chocolate at Winter Concert

- Class Themed baskets (Erin) – the baskets will be arranged Dec 6, parent volunteers will wrap them up. Baskets will be displayed Dec 11-14 for the students to see. Each student will receive 3 tickets with additional tickets available for purchase. Additional volunteers will be helpful on the night of the Winter Concert for people who would like to purchase additional tickets
- Front Row Seats for Winter Concert will be available on Cashless Schools for a draw in advance of the concert

Planning for Next School Year (Isabel)

- Review of initiatives from last year and this year
- This year we have done movie night for our fundraiser and will sell hot chocolate and coffee at various events
- Possibilities for 2024 include January Movie Night, February Candygrams, March Pancake Breakfast and Carnival
- Council also have the opportunity for Parent Involvement funds, PRO Grant (Parent Reaching Out)
- Additional fundraising ideas – Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser (June 7th is National Donut day), school picture themed day (ie. Families come in for family Easter photos), selling Laura Secord or Cinnabon, selling boxes of greeting cards, Maplehurst branded merchandise
- Movie Night the last Thursday of the month for January and February, movie start time will be earlier and we will review movie length

8:15 meeting adjourned

Next Meeting Date: February 5, 2024