

## 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. 13<sup>th</sup> all grades will watch K-Grade 3 students perform
- Winter Concert shows will be at 2pm and 6:30pm on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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