

School Council Meeting

October 19th, 2020

Maple Grove Council Members

Chair	Alison Hodd
Treasurer	Josh Hogarth
Secretary	Johann Du Plessis
Volunteer Coordinator	Val Presti
Newcomer Welcome Representative	Mingyan (Vicki) Yang
Teacher Appreciation	Angie Benjamin, Tatiana Monteiro
PIC Representative	Eloise Du Plessis
Voting Member	Dee Sanderson

Item	Responsibility
Welcome & Approval of previous minutes: Alison welcomed everyone and briefly discussed the minutes of the April meeting. She mentioned that at that time the funds were already frozen and the council could not make any motions. The April minutes were approved by the council.	Chair
Treasurer's Report: Josh confirmed that there is currently \$66,799.00 in funds held by the council. Josh has a spreadsheet with a detailed breakdown of the funds held by the council.	Josh
Principal & Vice Principal's Report Large area of focus for our Council has been the Outdoor Improvement Project, for all of our new members we would like to look back at where we have been and look ahead to our schools' next steps.	Melissa

Welcome Suzanne Burwell: Melissa introduced Suzanne Burwell, who brings with her tremendous amount of experience. She works in partnership with a number of schools. February Outdoor Improvement Project presentation: Suzanne then gave a presentation on ideas and the process of landscaping the school for the benefit of the learners. Suzanne mentioned after her presentation that this project will have to be run through the board, since the board owns the property. The board, school and council should have a meeting to discuss the scope of work and what is important to each of the parties. Suzanne proposed that council approve at least \$ 10,000 to appoint landscaping architects to work with the school on the outdoor project. Council motion by Alison: Motion to move forward right now to approve up to \$12,000.00 to spend for a landscape architectural plan for the improvement of the back outdoor space improvement plans, and the circular space. Dee seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dee proposed that the council advise the families of the school about the approved expense due to it being such a large amount. Maple Grove's Reopening Plan and Updates: Melissa gave a presentation on the Reopening of the school and how well the kids were doing under the new circumstances. *Themes for each month to celebrate student and school success November we are focusing on Respect, Leadership -food drive	
Teacher's Report	Jen

Jeniffer gave a presentation on Professional Development. - Professional Development Updated Main topic discussed: 1 Covid Safety Protocols, Health and Safety Training 2 New Math Curriculum 3 Dismantling Racism in HDSB 4 Gap-closing for Students 5 Mental Health and Wellness for Students 6 Using Online Resources Effectively (Google Classrooms) Kristine Lukawecky discussed anti racism. There are two teachers who are equity leads in the school. They will teach the rest of the teachers at staff meetings. Alison asked that Kristine arrange for a presentation to the council at the next council meeting or at least by early spring. Kristine said that she thinks it is a good idea.	
New Business Mellisa gave a presentation of funds the school needs from the council to enhance the resources for the learners. Eloise proposed the motion and Dee seconded the motion that council approves \$10,155 of the fund request. The council therefore passed a motion that the \$ 10,155 of the request is approved. The chair mentioned that the school can come back with a further request for funds required to benefit the learners. Eloise mentioned that she will gladly help the school with anything pertaining to the financial literacy aspect of the new math curriculum. Jennifer said that she made a note of that and will come back to Eloise.	Melissa

Alison to Melissa, please share in the news letter that the council supports the food drive for the food bank. Jennifer asked that the parents like tweets and instagram posts to create more awareness. Meeting adjourned at 9.11pm.	
Future Meeting Dates: ■ Monday, November 9th ■ Monday, December 7th ■ Monday, February 1st ■ Monday, April 5th ■ Monday, May 3rd	Chair