

Maple Lane Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: 6:00pm Thursday, November 7, 2024

Location: Maple Lane Library

Attendees:

Executive – Kate Procter (Chair), Aysha Revell (Vice Chair), Neal Campbell (Principal), Michael Boetzkes (Treasurer), Cherry Ho (Secretary), Sophia Chan (Fundraising Committee)

Non-executive members – Patrick Man, Wendy Yang

Welcome, Introductions, and call to order – by Chair at 6:02pm

1. **Agenda** – Approved by Kate Procter, seconded by Sophia Chan
2. **October 2024 Meeting Minutes** – Approved by Michael Boetzkes, seconded by Kate Procter

Principal's Report

- **Acknowledgement of First Nations Territories.**
- **Student Council meets each Thursday** – present initiatives to the staff and school.
- **Green team starting soon** – Starting with Gr.6/7 students but may extend to students in other grades.
- **Kindergarten registration is now open** – November to January is for priority one registration and reminders will be sent to all families.
- **Remembrance Day Assembly** – will be held on November 8 at 10:30am at the gym.
- **Winter Sharing Assembly** – will be held on Thursday December 12. Families will be invited.

Chair report

- **Upcoming events**
 - **Winter Wonderland Family Skate** – Confirmed for December 14 from 4:30 to 6pm at Minoru.
 - **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser** – last day to purchase is November 23. Purchases will be handed out to students on December 5.
 - **Movie Nights** – Scheduled for January 17, 2025. Save the date has been sent. Entry will be by donations. Movie selection is to be determined in January.

- **Spring Fling** – Confirmed for May 23, 2025. Kate will contact PartyWork to secure the booking. It will be carnival theme same as previous years. Michael motioned to approve a deposit of \$2,500 to be paid to PartyWork, Kate seconded and all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

- General account – balance at October 31 was \$34,400. After clearing of approved cheques and payments, the balance will be approximately \$26,645.
- Gaming account – current balance is \$12,545. The gaming grant of \$5,320 was received in October. After clearing of approved expenses, the balance will be approximately \$5,167.
- The following expenditures were discussed and approved:
 - Teachers' stipends: \$350 for each classroom teacher, \$175 for each of resource teachers and support staff. Michael motioned to approve a total of \$5,100 for stipends, Kate seconded and all in favor.
 - Piano: Michale motioned to approve \$2,500 for a new piano, Wendy seconded and all in favor.
 - High Jump Mat; Michael motioned to approve \$2,400 for a new mat, Kate seconded and all in favor.
 - Grad 2025: Michael motioned to approve to spend \$15 per grad student for 2025, Kate seconded and all in favor.
 - Yearbooks: Michale motioned to approve \$3,200 on yearbooks for 2025, Cherry seconded, Aysha and Patrick voted against and others in favor.

Fundraising

- Fresh to You Fundraiser: will be delivered to school for pick up on November 19.

Roundtable

- Lunar New Year Even – Tentatively scheduled for February 5 from 2:45pm to 4:30pm in the gym. Patrick Man will organize a committee to plan for this event. The event will include arts and crafts activities and traditional snacks. This will be a good opportunity for students to learn about the Lunar New Year traditions. More details will be discussed in the next PAC meeting.
- Options for lunch providers – There are concerns from parents and teachers regarding the lunches provided by Libby's Kitchen. Lunches were delivered to school too early and have

been sitting out in the trays for two hours before students pick them up. Cherry will look for other companies which provide similar services.

- After school classes – A Chinese teacher enquired about offering after school Chinese programs at Maple Lane. Neal pointed out that rental of classroom spaces will need to go through the district directly. School and the PAC have no influence in making the decisions.

Next PAC meeting: December 5, 2024 6pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:28 pm