



Maple Grove Parent Advisory Council

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Maple Grove PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: School Library

PAC Executive Attendees: Tim Luu (Co-Chair), Mary Ann Lo (Co-Chair); Joel Korn (Co-Treasurer), Freida Mak (Co-Treasurer), Ivy Leung (Fundraising Coordinator and Mable Chia (Secretary)

Part 1 - PAC Business

Our Purpose is Student Success!

1. **call to order** – Tim Luu called the meeting to order.
2. **welcome message from co-chairs** – Tim Luu acknowledge the efforts and contributions of all parents in the past half year and Mary Ann Lo wished everyone a Happy St. Patricks Day.
3. **adoption of the agenda** – Tim Luu requested an addition to agenda: 6. executive reports - (b) Create a nomination committee in preparation for AGM. Motion made by Deborah Liou to revise agenda. Seconded by Ivy Leung. Motion carried.
4. **approval of minutes from previous meeting** – Motion made by Cindy Leong to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mona Atkinson. Motion carried.
5. **administrators' report: Mrs. Sellars & Ms. Weatherall**

Report by Mrs. Sellars

- New staff member, Yvonne Ha, replaces Lori Watkins who is on Maternity Leave
- It's budget time at the VSB (March 24 to 25); challenging with lots of changes due to \$20 million deficit. One proposal is a calendar change across the district: add 17 min. to each day and have a 2 week Spring Break plus 5 other days to make long weekends at Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, in February, and Victoria Day
- Incident in the school: concerns raised about a gentleman giving candy to students; first incident occurred last Dec and it was addressed by Dr. Eileen Phillips. Since then, individual has been spoken to by the Principal and the School Liason Officer. Appropriate behavior towards other people's children, mixed messages to children about not accepting candy from strangers and concerns about food allergies will be addressed in next newsletter
- Surveyed grade 7 students and asked "What is great at Maple Grove?" Some answers: playground, teachers, hot lunch program and and more playground.

Report by Ms. Weatherall

- John Ratey says in his book Spark: The revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain: *what is especially important in the research is to have verification for what many educators have felt for a long time – getting all learners out moving actively – walking or running – first thing in the day is really good for their later in the day learning.*
- Focus has been on physical activity with many activities:
 - Sport Fit Days – organized by Mary Ann Lo, Yvette Hoptioncann and Janie Pang
 - Indoor Track Meets – 3 afternoons

- Ice Skating Sessions – 3 per classroom
- Olympics – Torch Relay Event
- Olympics Opening Ceremonies – viewing
- Paralympic Curling – attended by grades 1 to 7

6. executive reports

- Treasurers' report** (Freida Mak and Joel Korn) - Budget is on track. Hot Lunch numbers do not include March, April, May or June and will be higher. \$500 is allocated for sports jerseys and \$500 for replacement of equipment. There is \$850 still available for Teacher sponsor classroom activities/fieldtrips. Max. of \$150 per teacher to help offset costs with remainder paid by parents in class. Also, still have \$1,500 available for Artist/Scientist-in-Residence program.
- Nomination committee** – Tim Luu appealed for one or more individuals to come forward with the sole accountability to source out candidates for the new PAC Executive before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 16. Looking for new ideas, individuals who have a goal to contribute to the community and improve the environment for our kids, leaders and partners. Current executive is writing a “how to” handbook for each position. No volunteers came forward.

7. committee reports

- Olympics/Paralympics Celebrations** – addressed earlier by Julie Weatherall
- Maple Grove Apparel** (Marnie Cotichini) – need to sell more. Should have received order forms at home. Apparel comes with new logo and in variety of styles: Dry-Fit shirts, T-shirts, Long Sleeve T-shirts, Hoodies, etc. One suggestion is for children to go to different classes and model the clothing. Suggestion to have a booth at the Spring Festival.
- Shopping Cards Program** (Ivy Leung) – monthly form has been sent home. Complete form, add cheque and drop off in box in School Office by the first Friday each month. Cards will be available for pick up by the next Friday. \$1000 has been raised since start of program. Since you are purchasing from these retailers anyways, consider buying the gift cards from this program and support the school.
- Spring Festival (Apr 9)** (Sophia Hague) – Need more volunteers.
- Trunk/Car Boot Sale (May 15)** (Ben Ford) – New coordinator of this new event. Will be partnering with Magee High School.
- Volunteers** – no report.

8. new business

- **Track and Field** – need a teacher to step forward. Bethany Froese is willing to help with High Jump.
- **New Jerseys for Sports Teams** – Janie Pang and Julie Weatherall have researched this and have a supplier. Will proceed with ordering the jerseys. A suggestion was made to have measures in place to prevent loss eg. Deposit system.

Part 2 - Parent Education

Student Assessment and Evaluation by Mrs. Sellars and Ms. Weatherall

1. Overall View (Types of assessment and uses etc) by Mrs. Sellars
2. Assessment practices of teachers by Ms. Weatherall
3. Administration role in assessment by Mrs. Sellars
4. Questions and discussions – topic of Honour Roll was discussed. Mrs. Sellars invited parents to meet with her to discuss further.

9. adjournment of meeting – Motion made by Mona Atkinson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sophia Hague. Motion carried.

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Maple Grove is a community that cares deeply, shares generously and helps willingly!