

Maple Grove School Council Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2010

Present: Tracy Mumford, Chair; Lorne Gretsinger, Principal; Mamie Hurd, Vice-Principal, Tania Mercuri, Denise Blaney, Pilar Pender-Chapman, Elly Jenkyns, Paula Couture, Sarah Nyman, Lucia Presti.

Regrets: Fred Courture, Carla Roche, Karen Muhl

Principal's Report

Literacy Night at Vineland Public School – Wednesday, November 24 – an invitation has been extended to Maple Grove families. Virginia Zyta is the guest speaker. Lorne will be giving a report on Growing Success.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing new to report except that there are still 4 outstanding donations.

Brain Gym

Brain Gym - movements to help the brain learn easier and better. Lucia spoke with us about the opportunity to have Alison Shannon, a Kinesiologist and advanced training in Brain gym come and speak to the parents of Maple Grove and possibly Vineland. It is a one-hour program where Alison would teach a number of Brain Gym movements. This will be an information evening for parents wishing to continue this with their children at home. Teachers that are present for the information may or may not use it in their classrooms.

Peanut Free School

We need to make sure that we continue to give friendly reminders for the shared lunches and shared snacks asking that we do the best we can to make them peanut free.

Skating Days

There will be 4 skating days as usual this school year. Three of these four days are scheduled SK days. We want to make the families of the SK's know that they are welcome to attend that skating day and we will let the dates be known, as soon as possible, so that if they wish to come arrangements can be made.

Christmas Clubs/Electives

This is the time of year that we set aside two days, just before Christmas, for the parents to come in and volunteer their time to do something with the kids. In the past we have had hiking, outdoor games, yoga, card making, ornament making...The dates for this even are Wednesday, December 15 and Friday, December 17.

Chess/Checkers Club

This will start in January and Tania will lead it with the help of Basia. More information will follow.

Train

It has been decided that the train will be finished on Spring work day as it is too cold to finish painting it now. The paint will not set in this weather.

Notice Board

A notice board will be put up at the school for weekly announcements. We need to discuss where we are going to put it so that it can be seen by everyone from the parking lot. Thank you Rob Pennock.

Anti-Bullying Week

November 15-19 is Anti-bullying week. Maple Grove will be having a door decorating contest to be judged on Tuesday, November 16. Also on Tuesday, November 16, the students will be travelling to Vineland Public School to watch the Half-Pint show. Friday, November 19, is wear pink day.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011