

Maple Grove School Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2010

Present: Tracy Mumford, Chair; Fred Couture, Secretary; Lorne Gretsinger, Principal; Tania Mercuri, Nadia Klun-Stadler, Rob Oliveira, Elly Jenkins, Rob Pennock

Regrets: Mamie Hurd, Karen Muhl, Carla Roche

Principal's Report

It is suggested that the bi-weekly newsletter could be posted on the school website (only) with the option of providing hard copies only to those who request one. This would save on paper and time involved in emailing every family.

Treasurer's Report

Tracy mentioned that there was in the neighbourhood of \$5,000 in the school's charitable account and the money has been moved into the school's active account.

Train

The wooden train has been partially fixed this past work day. However, one wagon is still incomplete. It is suggested to complete the work as soon as possible to avoid potential injuries.

Fan out Emergency Phone List

Due to privacy regulations, the list has not been distributed yet. It will be circulated as soon as the related concerns are addressed by Lorne or Mamie.

Artfest Parking Update

Lorne praised the MG team for a job well done on Sunday the 10th. Preliminary numbers indicate Maple Grove's share could be upwards of \$1,300.

Thanksgiving Shared Lunch

Nadia indicated that the lunch itself went well, with little leftovers sent home. Some parents, however, didn't receive the information in time due to some communication problem. This will be rectified for the next shared lunch at Christmas. Advance notice will be provided on upcoming hot dog days and soup days.

Cave Springs

Potential dates are Thursday/Friday June 2nd/3rd or Wednesday/Thursday June 8th/9th (Friday the 10th being a PA day).

PJ Day & Crazy Hair Day

Those days, consisting of fun and fundraising for charities, are back by popular demand. November 23rd will be Crazy Hair day and February 11th will be PJ Day. The latter will also double as Valentine Day's shared snack since the 14th falls on an odd day in the 10-day cycle and it is desired to involve the SK class.

Book Swap Club

Karen Muhl has suggested a book swap club where everyone will be invited to bring any children's books they wish to swap on or before March 4th. The following week (prior to March break) will be open for anyone interested in picking up a book(s) of their choice.

Volunteering

The fabric (and philosophy) of Maple Grove is its community involvement and, as such, some MG parents raised their wish for everyone to get involved at some point during the school year, if only for 2 or 3 hours. To make certain this takes place, it has been suggested that 3 parents be in charge of the 3 important community days at MG: fall and spring work days and Artfest parking duty. This would ensure everyone is given the opportunity to be involved and to share their time/talents.

Bulletin Board

The idea of a bulletin board, visible by all coming to the school, was brought up. Rob Pennock has offered his talents to fabricate and install the bulletin board on (or next to) Archie (MG's colourful concrete bunker).

Upcoming School Council Meeting Dates

The following dates have been proposed:

November 10th

December – no official meeting

January 11th

February 9th

March – no official meeting

April 5th

May 11th

June – to be confirmed

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 10th, 6:30pm at Nadia Klun-Stadler's residence.