

Maple Grove School Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

Present: Marjorie Hewitt, Chair; Fred Couture, Secretary; Lorne Gretsinger, Principal; Tracy Mumford, Treasurer; Tania Mercuri, Art Thomas, Melissa Philip, Janie Schellenberg.
Regrets: Karen Muhl, Nadia Klun-Stadler, Carla Roche.

Call to order: 6:15 pm

Principal's Report

Playground equipment: Lorne noted that the inspection report is in. The report made recommendations to fix deficiencies (such as replacing wood on seesaws, rototilling pea gravel, fixing train, etc.). The report estimated the work and labour at approximately \$3,500. It was agreed that some of this work could be done during the Work day on October 17. There is no timeline to fix all deficiencies, however a plan must be presented to the Board. Some money could be used from the school's budget to fix certain items.

Front steps: they were fixed earlier this year and have since cracked. Board was made aware and they will be fixed.

Sofa: Mamie is looking into getting a sofa for the library.

Food Program: We have been funded for a healthy food (snack) program. More details will be provided as they become available. The new secretary will coordinate the program.

Treasurer's Report

Less children at Maple Grove has meant less money for the school budget. Tracy is completing the year-end. There's approximately \$3,000 in the budget set aside for playground equipment.

Thanksgiving Parking

Maple Grove is in charge of parking at Artfest at Vineland Public School on October 11, from 9:15 am to 1:15 pm. 6 people have volunteered. Lorne will get a few more volunteers.

AGM Feedback

Consensus was that it was a good meeting and the new, condensed format was appreciated.

Workday

Fall workday is to take place Saturday October 17. Melissa is coordinating the efforts and reported that quite a few people had signed up.

Handbook Update

Lorne said the handbook is progressing (approx. 75% complete). The handbook will explain how the school operates and will be a useful tool for all.

Driving vs. Bussing Update

There aren't too many issues, except some children are being picked up after 3:15pm.

Other Business

Smart Board and other technologies: This may be looked into further.

School Secretary: A new, permanent secretary should be in place by October 20.

Parent buddy system: It was suggested such a system be put in place as it would help new families better adapt and know how the school operates.

Adjourn: 7:45 pm

Next meeting: November 11, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Mercuri Residence.