

Maynard Parent Council Meeting - Minutes

Tues. April 27, 2021 - 7pm

Attendance:

- Robyn Holmes, Krista Dukelow, Megan LaSalle, Lynn Allaby, Becky Lewis, Heidi Linnen-Macdonald, Shannon Scott, John McCrea

Regrets:

- Cara Bauder, Janine Visser, Ashley Jones, Krista Bareke, Brigitte Reid

Treasurers Report:

- \$5,062.33 - All funds due to come out have already been withdrawn.

New Business:

- Grade 6 Graduation – Heidi has no information on this yet, she’s still waiting on an update from public health about what that can look like. We discussed awards like last year and a slideshow.
- Subway replacement for hot lunch – Subway in Prescott is closed. We discussed alternate options like the Village Pantry, Little Sisterx, the Convenience Store in Johnstown. Note: We must ensure that any hot lunch follows the student nutrition guidelines. Perhaps we can survey parents re: hot lunch options? We’ll come back to this.
- Facebook Live for more parent involvement. See “Family Resource” heading in the Principal’s Report for more information.

Trustee Connection:

- John advised that he inquired about the ventilation system to be sure it’s good and he was assured it is. The School Board received \$10 million from the government and he would like to see it go to things like proper ventilation and outdoor education, so he’s throwing that out to the board.

- He made a point of telling us that he was impressed with how the Covid case was handled. He thinks the protocol was good.

Ongoing Business:

- Outdoor Education Connection with Township - No update, Krista B. absent from meeting.
- Code of Conduct – Robyn sent our feedback to Heidi and it's sitting with staff for their consideration. Heidi will work on engaging other parents via different platforms and we'll go from there. We've done all we can do at this point.

Teacher's Report:

- **Ms. Howes / Mrs. Brown:** Their class is excited to see more students join in their synchronous sessions. They are having fun learning and seeing their friends.
- **Mrs. Geggie / Mrs. Young:** Last week they took a field trip to the Toronto Zoo and next week they are taking a field trip to the Museum of Nature in Ottawa to check out the dinosaurs.
- **Mrs. Nolan:** Mrs. Nolan has been busy getting to know her students. They are focusing on how to write narratives and are beginning to learn about their community.
- **Mrs. Brennan:** Last week the class celebrated Earth Day. They learned about Chris Hadfield as a great Canadian hero – the kids all know how to brush their teeth and how to sleep in space.
- **Ms. Scott:** One of her synchronous learners received some baby chicks and they've really taken an interest in them. They've used chicks as our starting off point when talking about their science unit on air and water. They also took a virtual field trip to a farm and learned about chickens and their eggs.
- **Mrs. Baker / Mrs. Wilson:** They are wrapping up their Fairytale unit and are participating in a virtual live performance of the "Paper Bag Princess." Students will be retelling the main idea from the performance and discussing the elements of drama. Mrs. Brennan's, Ms. Lawrence's class and my class will also be viewing the performance at a later date.
- **Ms. Lawrence:** Last week their class did a virtual tour of the parliament buildings in Ottawa.
- **Mrs. Marshall:** They are working on decimals and starting a fantasy unit in language.
- **French:** They are doing Spring / Home vocabulary and shared reading with some fun yoga freeze dances in between.

Principal's Report:

- **Thank you** to all of you for volunteering your time and support in such dynamic times
- **Health and Safety Protocols** – positive feedback from Tawnya Boileau, our School Health Nurse and her school visit; COVID-19 positive individual and notice of no school transmission.
- **Augusta Township Partnership** –plan is to meet once before the end of June; Matthijs Van der Veen is the Community Development and Recreation Coordinator and committee member, Krista Bareke will join from School Council and Tracey Brown will be a community committee member – begin discussions on how we can include skating and other recreational opportunities with the Township.
- **Maynard Code of Conduct** – next steps are student input when back to in-person learning and parent/guardian input via a Forms survey to be sent out through our parent/guardian email distribution list and continue to meet as a sub-committee.
- **Family Resource** – sharing “Parents Engaged in Education” website and monthly newsletters with embedded links related to April School Closure ideas – see www.parentsengagedineducation.ca.
- **Looking ahead in May** – we continue with our asynchronous pick up’s and drop off’s every 2 weeks on Tues. May 11 and Tues. May 25, as needed, and the June plans for “paper copy learners” is tbd; our May focus will be on well-being, engagement in learning and achievement while learning from home; educators are planning virtual connections with field trips and presentations to promote and increase students and families to be well and connected to learning.
- Other Q and A’s - None.

Questions:

- Should we have a meeting in June? Megan voted no and Krista D., Becky, Robyn and Lynn agreed. Our last meeting will be in May.

Meeting adjourned:

- 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting:

- Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m.