

Maynard Parent Council Meeting
May 25 @ 7:00pm

In Attendance: Janine Visser, Brigitte Reid, Shannon Scott, Krista Bareke, Krista Dukelow, Becky Lewis, Robyn Holmes, Lynn Allaby, John McCrea, Megan LaSalle

Regrets: Ashley Knapp-Jones, Cara Bauder,

Treasurers Report: - \$5,062.33

New Business:

- **Grade 6 graduation- update in principals report**
- **Grant application for outdoor structure updates/ accessibility on the playground- all council members agreed to start the application with connection to the township- Robyn to connect with Doug Malanka in regards to township support.**

Ongoing Business:

- Outdoor Education-Connection with Township- no updates at this time
- Code of conduct – (Robyn H) Update - questionnaire to come out to council and to some students before sending out to rest of the school and then we will send out to JK students in the fall.

May Parent Council Teacher Report

Ms. Howes / Mrs. Brown: About four to five students have been logging on regularly for synchronous learning. Other students have been doing a great job with their asynchronous work. The kids are loving how to draw videos and they complete one almost daily.

Mrs. Geggie / Mrs. Young: They have been learning about living things and what living things need to survive. They have also been conducting some science experiments to practice making predictions and observations.

Mrs. Nolan: Their class has been exploring communities in social studies. They will be taking some virtual field trips to explore different communities globally, focusing on climate and different ways of life.

Mrs. Brennan: Last week their weekly activity challenge was to build a fort. The kids have had fun planning and building and repairing when it crashes.

Ms. Scott: Students have been really engaging in nature. Monday's are called "Mystery Monday" – we watch a video on open ended topics. Last weeks was "What's Making All that Noise in the Swamp?" Each day, I played an animal noise and they had to guess what animal it was. After, we did a shared reading on that animal and integrated that knowledge throughout our day together. This weeks topic is: The Dandelion: Weed or Flower?

Mrs. Baker / Mrs. Wilson: Students are starting to work on their culminating project on habitats by creating a diorama. They are also going to spend some time exploring coding and learning about robots.

Ms. Lawrence: Painted kindness rocks last week and will be cooking on Friday - kids choose from 4 options and we do together or they can create it on the weekend with family.

Mrs. Marshall: Students just finished their fantasy fiction unit and are starting a media unit in language.

French: Finishing up their bodily health unit and in June they will learning about summer vocabulary.

Principal's report:

- **Wellbeing and Remote Learning**– educators and all staff working to stay connected to their students and families; our mantra is "do what you can" and let us know how to help; we are planning for "paper copy" learning materials to be returned by Fri. June 4 – after that it is "choice boards" that do not need to be returned to the educators; we will keep in touch with families for attendance and engagement purposes until Fri. June 25
- **Mental Health Champion** - Shannon Scott is part training across UC as our school champion
- **Health and Safety and Public Health** – age 12-17 now qualify for a vaccine; watch the LLG Public Health Unit website regarding clinics for the weeks of June 14 and June 21; provincial booking system and some pharmacies are booking appts.
- **Maynard Code of Conduct** – Forms survey developed for families to share input; Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Foxton will give input on the survey questions and then it will be shared with our School Council and then our JK- grade 6 families in June for their feedback; in the fall our new JK families can give input
- **Student Recognition** – discussed at our last staff meeting and criteria such as Character Always Traits and efforts in reading were ideas and we will discuss again into the fall
- **"New" Policy and Procedure** – Menstrual Products in schools
- **Virtual Field Trips and Presentations** – we are researching how we support local through the 1000 Islands Playhouse and the Aquatarium for their virtual presentations; more news to come as we plan for June
- **Special Recognition Days** – May is Asian Heritage Month and June is Pride Month – resources have been shared with educators to use in their teaching practices; watch for paper mini UC Pride Flags for colouring, with supporting resources that explain the background of the pride colours and reading materials that you could use with your child
- **Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony & Kindergarten Celebration** – virtual plans to be shared with Grade 6 and Year 2 SK families by June 7
- **Awards Ceremonies** – virtual plans are being developed and families will be contacted for joining into the virtual recognition events
- **Thurs. June 24** – Report Cards sent home and **Fri. June 25** is the last day of school
- **Q and A's**

Questions

Meeting adjourned: no further meetings for the 2021 school year.

Next meeting: