

Minutes
Maplehurst Middle School PSSC Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00pm
(Meeting held via Zoom)

Present:

Tracey Redmond (Chair)
Elizabeth Nowlan (Principal)
Sylvie Arseneau (Vice Principal)
Marcel LeBlanc (Vice Principal)
Sarah Johnson (Teacher Representative)
Stacey MacAulay (Secretary)
Betty Zhang (Home & School Representative)
Donald Moore
Jamie Teed
Joy Cummings
Mandi Lawson
Ryan Edison
Sherri Leger
Tammy Orava

Absent:

Andrea Boudreau
Michelle Lord
Tracy Doyle
Angela Lawson (DEC Rep)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by Tammy and seconded by Joy.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Jamie and seconded by Sheri.

3. **School Improvement Plan:**

- Miss Nowlan provided an overview of the School Improvement Plan. See Appendix 1.

4. **Principal's Report:** Miss Nowlan provided an overview of the Principal's Report. See Appendix 2.

- **Update on Potential Grade 8 Celebration** – details are not available yet as it isn't known how many people will be able to gather in person by the end of the school year. Virtual options will also be looked into. Miss Nowlan will discuss options with grade 8 teachers.
- **Parent Teacher Interview Format** – teachers worked on report cards on Friday, March 19th. The parent teacher interview format will be done virtually by homeroom teachers. They will be held on Wednesday, April 14th.
- **Preparation and Planning for the 2021-2022 School Year based on Observations** – Miss Nowlan shared the difficulties some classes are having with the restrictions that are in place for bubbling/classroom groupings. There have also been interactions with some parents recently that include demanding email communication, inappropriate language and negativity. The teachers are finding this type of communication challenging and draining. The expectations for respectful communication will be developed into a communication protocol that will be shared at the beginning of the school year for next year to address and encourage appropriate dialogue at all times.

5. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Ryan and seconded by Tammy.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

Minutes prepared by Stacey MacAulay

Appendix 1:

Maplehurst Middle School

School Improvement Plan

2020-2021

Our Husky community will support each other to envision the impact we have on the world.

Realize Your Impact

The Maplehurst Middle School staff has identified Collective Efficacy as a predominant strength. Our staff believe in each other, trust their colleagues and feel supported. This has led to effective teaming where teachers collaborate often and rely on each other for advice and guidance.

When problem solving, people are willing to step up and take a role in the solution.

We have a shared vision that is forward thinking and understood. It has been shared with our Husky learning community.

Goal #1 (Distance Learning Goal)

100% of teachers will develop a learning from home plan to support each Husky that:

- will create an environment that is conducive to learning to help students develop their skills and realize their life and career plans
- includes activities that are meaningful and engaging and consider the student's needs, interests, and aspirations
- will guide the student as they work independently and remain committed to learning (individual and group coaching and follow-up) and ensure that they maintain a real sense of belonging to their class and to their school
- will communicate often with the students and/or parents

- We have developed a plan, by cluster team, to support learning from home. Teachers will have learning opportunities available to students right away, but adjustments will most likely be made along the way to format/schedule to maximize students' ability to connect with their teachers.
- Mr. Jamer was released for 12 days to help build the capacity of both teachers and students with the use of Microsoft Office Teams. Each student has an email and log in to Microsoft Teams and have been expected to use it at both school and home. Teachers are incorporating features of Teams into their lessons.
- Our technology survey indicated that we are in the developing stage of 3 of the guiding questions and in the implementing stage of the question concerning integrating technology into learning activities.
- Schedule has been completed and reviewed with Huskies.
- Scenarios for implementing Home Learning have been developed and reviewed with staff.

Goal #2 (Mental Fitness Goal)

Maplehurst Middle School will develop and strengthen relationships with each other, the students, and the school community to impact school connectedness.

- Develop a Welcome to Maplehurst Process
 - Rate of growth requires a clear process to welcome new Huskies
- Impact Time (revised for COVID-19)
 - What will this look like when we cannot mix groups based on interests
- Extended Leadership Team – addition of rep from each subject team
- Advisory Time
 - Committee to develop and support this practice
- Focus on Teaming
 - Cluster teams and subject teams structure
- Home and School/PSSC
 - PSSC is established with returning and new members
 - Home and School does not have an executive
- Playground – community fundraising and involvement
- Recognition Committee
 - Celebrate self-awareness as Huskies personalize their journey at Maplehurst
- Innovation Grant has been received for a student led committee to develop our Welcome to Maplehurst Process
- Student Council
- High School Principal Visits
- Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) committee

Goal #3 (Safety Goal)

Develop our Maplehurst COVID-19 Operational Plan.

Communicate our Maplehurst COVID-19 Operational Plan with all partners.

- COVID-19 Operational Plan monthly sign of
- # of Weekly Maplehurst Husky Updates through School Messenger
- Anecdotal feedback surrounding communication

Appendix 2:

Principal's Report March 22, 2021

Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you for a wonderful week. The staff were overwhelmed with your effort and kindness.

GSA

Gender & Sexuality Alliance (**GSA**) group has been formed and meets regularly with Madame Doucet. There will be a workshop with grade 6 and 7 students in May focused on combatting 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, racism, and bullying in schools.

This GSA is also planning for PRIDE week that will take place early in May.

Behaviour Mentor Position

Elliott Quinn has joined our staff in the role of Behaviour Mentor. Mr. Quinn is supporting our positive learning environment in several classes as well as supporting individual students.

High School Interns

We have 4 new High School Student Interns this semester. They are being hosted by Madame LeBlanc, Madame Webster, the Wellness Team, and Mrs. O'Brien. They are in the building for half days until May.

High School Principals Visit

The high school Principals, Gary Wilson and Martin Daigle, visited the school last Thursday to meet with the grade 8 homerooms. They were hosted by our Husky Student Council and received a tour of our school before meeting with the grade 8 homeroom classes in the cafeteria. The classes created a few questions for the Principals to address during their visit.

Innovate Grants

Great news that we were approved for 4 Innovate Grants! Mrs. Paige-Acker, Mr. Bocklandt, and Miss Nowlan put in applications which were all approved: Interactive & Sustainable Education and Communication Practices, Welcome to Maplehurst, Inner Garden, and Apprendre le Français dans la cuisine.

French Pride Week

We celebrated **La semaine de la fierté française - French Pride Week** last week. The French Language Team did an amazing job providing information, music, and fun facts about French Culture throughout the week. Many students enjoyed a special meal of Chicken Fricot from the cafeteria.

Welcome to Maplehurst Committee

Madame Doucet, Mrs. Hanson, and Mr. Quinn are working with a group of students to develop a Welcome to Maplehurst process. The committee will develop a process to welcome new Huskies, ensuring we build strong connections, and that we have a process to rely on that meets the needs of our newest Huskies. We have had over 70 new students join us this school year.

Bus Evacuation

Our second round of Bus Evacuation drills took place on March 22.

Language Learning Opportunities Pilot

Maplehurst has been selected to be part of a pilot project to research and pilot ways to improve French Second Language learning for all students. There are twelve schools participating throughout the province, with three of them being from Anglophone East. The purpose of this initiative is to ensure all students of New Brunswick graduate with conversational capacity or higher in both official languages. The prototyping school will have flexibility to develop and offer French second language programming in the ways which best suit their community.

School Improvement Planning (SIP) 2021-22

The admin participated in a training session on the new framework for School Improvement Planning. Our Leadership Team will participate in a review of the SIP indicators and subsequent rating of the indicators to determine areas of strength and need for our next SIP. We look forward to sharing this focus with you as we work together to develop our plan.