



**Maplehurst Middle School**  
**PSSC Meeting**  
**Minutes of a meeting held February 8, 2023**

Present: Andrea Boudreau, Carmen Fabiani, Christa Osmond, Susan Dunfield, Sarah Johnson, Erin Drover, Peggy Flett, Jocelyn Keech, Kezia Williamson, Christina Robichaud, Mandi Lawson, Stacey LeBreton, Jamie Teed; parents of school community

Regrets: Michelle Lord

Principal – Elizabeth Nowlan

VP – Bryan Ouellette

VP – Sandra Savard

Sarah Johnson – teacher representative

Mark Owen – District Education Council (DEC) representative

6:30 pm            Welcome to school community parents & call to order – Jocelyn Keech  
                         Adoption of Agenda – moved by Sue Dunfield; seconded by Carmen Fabiani  
                         Approval of minutes Oct 25 – moved by Jamie Teed; seconded by Mandi Lawson  
                         Approval of minutes Nov 30 – moved by Andrea Boudreau; seconded by Erin Drover

6:35 – **SIP update** – Teacher Perception Survey (Liz presented stats)  
                         Focus on safety, staff supports, building positive learning environment  
                         Tools to welcome new students; “Welcome Wednesdays”  
                         Ted Harris working with Black African Canadian (BAC) Impact Time Group students, leading assembly for Black History Month

Words Matter: school-wide Teams meeting held during Advisory – instruction on human rights definition of discrimination; why certain language is unacceptable; consequences to occurrences of discriminatory behaviour explained 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> offences

6:50 – **Principal’s report** – Liz  
                         Student population is now at 744  
                         Impact time options (round 2) running for 5-week block with much interest in new options (students indicated their top 3 choices)  
                         Basketball teams (boys & girls) are formed  
                         Mme Vienneau’s production of *Annie*  
                         RCMP safety presentations (Jan 17)  
                         Mark Black’s *Do Tough Stuff* (Jan 27)  
                         Maritime Centre for African Dance (Jan 30)

February events include a coffee house, staff appreciation week, Grade 6 sock hop, Black Lives Matter Art Exhibit (grade 8 team going to BMHS), Valentine's Dance, Pink Shirt Day (Feb 22), H&S Movie Night, Sound of Music (gr 7s at the Capitol Theatre), student council assembly

**Suggestion for parent RCMP safety session, potentially with Officer Nick – Sandra to inquire**

- 7:00 **Home & School Update** – Erin Drover – Mark Black presentation (sponsored by H&S), AI-pack fundraiser to St. John Ambulance Therapy dogs (to begin coming Friday to read with students in the library); Jumanji (movie night, student council canteen)
- Don't be Fooled by the Talk Around Town – psychologist to present to parents with focus on kids' mental health (April 17<sup>th</sup> evening)
  - Playground fundraiser – May 7 market
  - TSAW (Teacher-Staff Appreciation Week) plans for daily activities

7:10 – **LLO Update** – Liz

Regrouping for French Language Arts in grades 6, 7, 8 – three additional teachers secured to assist in this

Auto-evaluation French Speaking for all is being developed for all students – students will be assessing their own engagement for speaking French outside of the classroom

Partnership with Belleisle School

Data is being collected – myBlueprint portfolios can be shared with parents as evidence of learning is built – interface of platform is bilingual (can change between F and E)

“I can...” statements for student self-evaluation

Oral Proficiency Interview training – 4 staff members so far – 20-minute assessments, roughly Grade 6 sample cohort to be reassessed by the Province in April; grade 7 sample cohort to be reassessed in May; 6, 7, 8 FI Huskies will be reassessed by staff – priority is for all immersion students to receive an OPI, with random sampling from all grade levels

Training of staff for meeting students where they are; assisting to promote conversation around improvement from students' individual levels

Common language tool surrounding assessment – Oral Proficiency Scale/Echelle de compétence from Beginner to Intermediate

Discussions ongoing with District and EECD to collect feedback on the prototype

Stephanie Patterson to support communications from Maplehurst

7:30 Sarah Johnson – teacher perspective offered

7:35 Christina Robinchaud – read comments in response

7:45 Motion to adjourn – Mandi Lawson