

# Maplehurst PSSC Meeting

## January 24, 2024

### **In Attendance:**

Elizabeth Nowlan  
Bryan Ouellette  
Marc Merhebi  
Sarah Johnson  
Joy Cummings  
Sue Dunfield  
Jillan Porter  
Jen Dalliare  
Christina Robichaud  
Carmen Fabiani  
Mohamed Salem  
Marcel LeBlanc  
Tina Paige-Acker  
Mandi Lawson  
Michelle Doucet-England

### **Absent:**

Christa Osmond  
Mohammed Shahin

### **Motion to Approve Minutes from last meeting:**

Jillian Porter  
Mandi Lawson

### **Math Presentation – Marcel LeBlanc**

- Changes in how we teach math.
- Progression of Problem solving
  - Counting
  - Additive thinking
  - Multiplicative thinking
  - Proportional thinking
- If students cannot use multiplicative thinking, then they will never be able to divide.
- Students need to be able to use numbers flexibly.
- When students get to middle school, it is harder to teach number sense.
- Teachers have changed teaching strategies, however results from students are not changing. There are some basics missing.
- Data for grade 7 adding and subtracting decimals – 50.5% got a 1 or 2, 49.5% got a 3, 3+, 4.
- Prioritized curriculum 13 outcomes; 14 days per outcome

- Holistic outcomes 25 outcomes; 7 days per outcome
- basic math facts are the letter sounds of math.
- Parents need to help: Continue to support the teachers.
  - Two questions
    - Is math important?
    - Is school serious?

Questions: How do we as a PSSC support the school? Advocate for more support teachers, there is not enough support teachers to do remediation (classroom teachers cannot do this and teach).

The admin is willing to send a message home about the math scores. Or does having an information session for parents seem like a better way to communicate? The PSSC thinks that parents just don't understand the issue.

Liz will have conversations with the math team to discuss what could be done to further spread the message about students and their math abilities.

## **Principal's Report**

- Cold weather is happening, so students need to be dressed properly to be outdoors.
- Sidewalks are being salted
- Starting to look at grade 5's joining and how the school can integrate them into middle school successfully
- Doing all students OPI
- Assemblies – black history month and pink shirt day; Impact Time has started and Times and Transcript is coming on Friday to interview the podcast group

## **Business Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting**

- an email was sent to the district on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the meetings that are coming up are about the new school will happen (January 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>)
- 210 students are leaving Maplehurst to go to the new middle school
- The hope is that it will open on time, and there will be two plans made: one plan if the school opens on time, and another plan if the school is opening later
- Collaboration with North End PSSC's – future topic could be math in middle school, over crowding in schools

## **PSSC Funds**

- \$717 – what do we spend it on/are there things that the schools need
- Think of some ideas – both PSSC members and MMS staff and we will discuss at our next meeting

## **Home and School Update:**

- Staff appreciation week
- Home and school is giving a budget
- Committee has been formed

## **Future Dates:**

March 27

April 24

May 29

Adjournment

Jen

Christina