



# Maple Creek Elementary

## S.A.R.T. Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 18th, 2023

### 1. Welcome

Mrs. Kismet opened the meeting on zoom at 9:05 and welcomed the parents. She gave a brief overview of SART and its purpose and thanked parents for joining the meeting.

### 2. Campus Update

Mrs. Kismet provided a campus update. She highlighted the **multi-cultural fashion** show stating that over 40 students participated with over 30 cultures represented. She mentioned this is one of her favorite traditions here at Maple Creek. Parents shared comments stating that it really is a nice tradition. Additionally, Mrs. Kismet highlighted that each grade level focuses on a different multi-cultural project each year.

Mrs. Kismet highlighted that we continue to have **wide participation in our co-curricular** including sports. We have students across from grades K-6 that attend Mac & Kids. Second quarter Mac & Kids focused on the Persian culture, the guest speaker brought artifacts that students were able to touch and interact with.

Students are currently taking the **midyear iReady** in ELA and Math. Teachers are reviewing the midyear data with the beginning of the year iReady data to determine student growth and progress. Mrs. Kismet highlighted that teachers monitor multiple measures of data to identify student growth and areas for instructional adjustment.

It was discussed that last year, and this year has posed challenges for hiring within the **VAPA department**. Our music positions have been difficult to fill. Last year, our choir position was open with various subs. We have since hired Mrs. Bratcher and she is doing a great job building relationships with students and building our choir program. We hope to have a teacher finalized in January to lead band. The hiring process for music teachers through VAPA was explained.

Upcoming events shared, we are planning a **Father Daughter** dance in February and we are looking for feedback on what parents would like to see for moms and sons.

### 3. Common Sense School

Mrs. Kismet shared that Maple Creek was a Common Sense School last year, explaining what that meant. She informed parents that all classroom teachers K-6 have been teaching lessons around technology usage and responsible use. She showed parents the website for Common Sense Media highlighting the parent resources that are available as well.

### 4. Social Emotional Education

An overview of the Tiered supports to address student social and emotional needs was presented. The various tiers of support were explained to parents with examples of the type of supports Maple Creek has to offer for students were presented. The following programs and resources were presented and shared.

- a. Positivity Project-Tier 1
- b. Morning Moods, check in, SOAR-Tier 2
- c. All 4 Youth, Comprehensive Youth Services -Tier 3

### 5. Positive Feedback

Mrs. Kismet highlighted the power of feedback that we gather from our parent SART surveys which will be sent out somewhere around February. She encouraged parent feedback, both positive and constructive. She encouraged parents to continue to look for ways to highlight the great things that are going on at Maple Creek and to help shape a positive culture around our successes.

## **6. School Safety**

**An update on school safety and** Catapult was shared. Parents were informed that we practice using the system at least one time monthly whereby teachers practice accounting for students every time.

## **7. Upcoming Events**

- a. K Winter Performance, Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>
- b. Thursday CW Chamber Choir Sings
- c. Winter Break 12.22-1.8
- d. District LCAP Meeting 1.29

## **8. Questions/Input**

Parent comment was shared for the consideration of ways to improve communication regarding programs and co-curricular. Mrs. Kismet stated that our live announcements share pertinent information with students however we will look for ways to improve notification to families. Parents provided input on community events, and it was stated that December provides a few different opportunities for parents to be involved on campus. Nothing more is needed per one parent's comment. Mrs. Kismet highlighted that the goal is to expand the holiday programs to grades 1-4 and possibly include 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. Thank you for coming and adjournment.**