

**Maurice Cody School Council
Meeting Minutes, April 5th 9am**

Sarah Claydon welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming

Approval of March Minutes - Sarah Claydon

Tracy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Jen Ankenmann seconded the motion.

Walking Wednesday Update - Michelle Wagland

Students were very excited to see us set up again to sign their names and record their steps. Our total for the first day was about 82,000 steps but Sarah and I decided we're going to count names instead of steps going forward. Then each week we can try and beat the number of signatures from the previous week. If there is a parent who would like to volunteer to help us, we would love it! We were hoping that we could inspire someone to take over for us.

Q: Could the grade fives run this?

Mr Nigro/Sarah: we would still need a parent volunteer to be there to setup and watch over them. Perhaps something we line up for next year.

Spring Fair Update – Sarah Claydon for the Spring Fair Committee

Spring Fair is coming up! It is Saturday May 26th from 9:30-3:30pm.

We have three ladies running things this year. A kindie, primary and junior parent and the committee is really coming along nicely. Thank you, for your amazing support!

Couple other points:

- We are currently doing to a push for sponsors so if anyone knows of anyone who would like to sponsor the event, please get in touch with Alison Moore: (alisonjmoore@yahoo.com). Thank you also to the rest of the sponsorship team, Patricia Yun and Raviv Israel, for helping us!
- This year we are going to ask Class Reps to help recruit parent volunteers. They will be provided with time slots and locations to take to their class parents to fill. Looking to have each class fill about ten hours. This will also help to get a nice cross-section of volunteers for our Fair!
- Enbridge has their community team coming to run the BBQ and Valumart will provide all the food. Thank you!
- Silent Auction has changed this year along with some other things so it's going to be a lot of fun!

Finance Update - Kat Hopkins (Sarah Claydon)

Kat is currently away and will provide an updated budget at the next parent meeting.

Mr Nigro: I can tell you the chromebooks and carts from the money raised at the dance-a-thon are now in the classrooms! Teachers are meeting next week to discuss any professional development and how to include everyone with this new technology.

Mr Nigro/Sarah: Big thank you to Krista and the technology team for doing the research and getting this sorted so quickly.

Krista: Big thank you to Mr Nigro, the FSA and the teachers for being so helpful with this.

Note: There will be pictures provided in June of some of the fun learning activities these Chromebooks are being used for.

On the topic of FSA funds, Ms. Mildenburger sent a note that their class really enjoyed the Scientist in the School the other day and she wanted to thank the FSA for making it happen.

Note: Our Budget meeting to discuss next year's budget is June 12th at 6:30pm

Principal and Vice-Principal's Reports – Mr Nigro and Ms Vala

The following provides a synopsis of some key events and updates since our March FSA meeting. For the latest and up to date information, check out the parent website at mauricecody.ca

1. Spring Lunchtime Programming (Gr. 1-5):

-Registration has already begun. Please check the parent website for further details and information.

2. Co-curricular Update

-Sports: Grade 4,5- Ultimate Frisbee tryouts have begun. Tournament to take place in early May. Our Grade 4,5 Boys and Girls Softball teams will be starting soon as well as the Track & Field Team for students from Grades 2-5

-Music: Choir Practices for our Boys, primary and Junior students are ongoing. Our Spring concert will take place on the evening of April 25th for our classes in Grade 2/3, Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5, along with our choir groups.

-First Lego League (Grade 4s): Practices take place every Monday and Thursday lunch. Our first ever, First Lego League Team at Cody, will be competing in a regional tournament in early May against other schools in challenges related to Lego and Robotics.

-Folkfest (Grade 4,5): Cody is proud to be entering another Folkfest Team this year. They have been practicing over the last few months a variety of different folk songs from various cultures, in preparation for their dance competition coming up in May.

3. Maurice Cody: Safety Enhancements

As was discussed during the fall, Maurice Cody PS is a community for variety of different activities, that take place before, during and after school. Given how busy the building is in use beyond the instructional day, we have taken efforts over the last few years to make the building more secure. One of the last key areas to ensuring the building is secure beyond the school day is the addition of a swipe card system and finalizing our Daycare morning and afternoon buzzer system.

As of early next week, the week of April 9th, the following changes will be taking place.

- Door #7: swipe card system to be installed and activated for staff access only
- Door #3: Daycare buzzer system to be accessed for morning and afternoon entry and pick-up
- Door #1: Continues to be used as the main entry for all guests and visitors to Maurice Cody to use

These safety enhancements will increase the safety and security of the building, during and beyond the school day.

4. Maurice Cody 2018-2019 Staffing

Key Points to keep in mind for 2018-19 staffing:

Projected Enrolment: 631

Teacher Allocation: 34.5 Teachers

Classroom Organization (as governed by TDSB through the projected enrolment)

The classroom organization is tentative dependent upon any potential school reorganization. School Administration will monitor classroom and student enrolment numbers carefully during the coming months and will work with our Superintendent and Employee Services should any reorganization be warranted.

Kindergarten: 7 teachers, with the 7th up to 15 students

Grades 1-3: 13 teachers

Grade 3/4: 1 teachers

Grades 4-5: 6 teachers

Prep Delivery Subjects (i.e., Music, French, Physical Education): 5 teachers

Library: 0.5 teacher

Special Education (Resource, Home School Program): 2 teachers

*NB: As this time of year is the staffing process where schools work with their staffing committee to create a school model, it is also the time for teachers who may be looking to pursue other opportunities within the school or beyond. It is for this reason, that should any parent requests be sent to school administration, that the request be about their child, the style of teacher (not name of one) and specific needs that will be helpful when doing class placements later this spring. Please note that these are requests that will be taken into consideration. An email indicating this will be sent in the coming weeks.

Sarah: As parents, we need to be really respectful of the teachers and trust they know your kid when they are placing them for next year. The child you see at home may not be the same kind of child at school... their best buddy may not be their best learning partner at school. Just keep this in mind when considering making a request.

5. Weekly Parent Updates:

Please take a look at the weekly parent bulletin for upcoming dates, events and reminders.

Other Business

Question: Can we discuss the development that is coming? I'm worried that the things we're approving now, such as the boundary change, will really affect our school in the future. I think as a parent community we need to really discuss this because more students in classrooms creates less opportunities for teams and extra things our kids may have now.

Sarah: These same conversations keep coming up. The TDSB is somewhat tied because the City of Toronto makes the decisions. So really it's us taking on the City. Josh Matlow is really receptive if you want to reach out to him and Shelley Laskin can provide direction for advocacy as well.

Adjournment – Sarah Claydon

Motion to adjourn Craig Anderson and Tracy Hall seconded the motion.

Next Meeting is May 3rd at 9am in the Staff Room.