

Maurice Cody School Council
Meeting Minutes, Oct 12th 9am

Sarah Claydon welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us.

Approval of the September Minutes – Sarah

Sarah requested someone approve the September minutes from the last council meeting. Laura Witkowski made the motion and Tracey Hall seconded the motion.

Aussie X – Connor

A handout was provided to everyone with some of the changes for this year. Aussie X has been rebranded to X Movement but is still focused on energising school communities. Over 200k kids across Ontario were apart of the program last year. They are trying to reach even more this year.

Connor sat down with Mr Nigro to discuss the changes this year. Cody will participate in X Dance, Aussie X, X Fusion and daily online reflections.

X Dance promotes diversity and inclusiveness, we live in a diverse multicultural city so music from around the world is used and the focus is it's awesome to be different.

Aussie X program focuses on growth mindset, resilience and being part of a team and model citizen.

X Fusion promotes self motivation and self regulation.

The online reflection program has been revamped by teachers and is now a 3-6 minute video that teachers can play for their class each day to start their day in the correct mindset. X Movement will be at Cody three separate occasions for 3-5 days each time. Each student will participate in 2hr workshops modified by grade.

Mr Nigro mentioned we got three programs for the price of two this year

Connor then also mentioned X Movement was offered funding from a private investor who believes in the program and wants more kids to be involved.

Mr Nigro: On behalf of the staff and students everyone was enthusiastic and highly engaged and really enjoyed the program. We look forward to participating again this year. Our first one is in November!

Election of New Treasurer – Sarah

Sarah introduced Katherine Hopkins (Kat) and explained she has been shadowing Ryan Hurley for the last couple of week and would like to officially become our FSA Treasurer. Motion to approve Kat as Treasurer of the FSA was brought on by Tracey Hall and seconded by Susan Porritt. A vote was passed, all in favor.

Welcome Kat to the team!

Member Positions - Sarah

Currently we have three main positions we still need to fill. Ward Rep, this position is a once a month meeting with Shelly Laskin and team. You then report back to council. Music Chair to assist Ms Snow in organizing trips and any other tasks she may require and someone to take over the Spring Fair. Laura would happily allow someone to shadow her this year in hopes they will take it over next year.

We also need someone for Walking Wednesday still. This is from 8:15 to 8:45 am each Wednesday.

Tracey questioned: could we have the grade fives run Walking Wednesdays?

Mr Nigro responded he will talk to Ms Appel about it.

It was then discussed perhaps the Athletic Association could take over Walking Wednesdays if they have a parent rep to assist. Tracey Hall volunteered to help setup the tables as she'll be participating in the Kiss N Ride program at the same time. Mr Nigro will follow up with Ms Appel.

Movie Night Wrap Up – Leanne

Movie night doesn't happen without Al so a huge thank you to him. We received a lot of positive feedback. Our snack table and glow sticks made \$1100 which is great considering it's not a fundraiser. Next year we will somehow section the field for chairs and blankets as some people had their chairs in front of kids on blankets.

A parent then brought up there was an issue with some teenagers in the gym so we will have someone volunteering to watch the gym doors next year to avoid this.

All in all, the feedback was it was a great night!

Cody Howl Ramp Up – Leanne

Tickets are available on the Cody website for \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. We need to get that information out to everyone as some have not heard this.

It was decided Mr Nigro will send out in his weekly email but Leanne will also put together a backpack hand out to go home with each student Friday in their backpacks.

Some of the auction items have now been posted on the website. The auction will stay open later this year and there will be an option to Buy Now in person as well.

We still need volunteers so when you purchase your tickets, please select this option as well in the online forms.

Winter Fair Update – Sarah

We've had many new kindergarten and John Fisher parents volunteer to help with the Winter Fair this year. They've been great to work with! Special note, **the Winter Fair will take place on December 9th**. (The change is due to some work travel by the two Chairs, as well as the PA Days on either side of the usual last weekend in November.)

Sponsorship – Sarah

Welcome to Alison Moore who is our new Sponsorship Rep. She's come on board and we are very happy to have her!

Cool the School – Sarah

We've had great feedback on the fans we purchased for the top floor of the school. They are very much appreciated. The rest of the fans for the remaining teachers will be delivered in the fall. There will be discussions with the remaining teachers if they in fact would like the fans before the orders are filled. Unfortunately, because we broke up the order into a \$3k purchase in June and another \$3k purchase in the fall, we didn't qualify for the bulk discount and we now need another \$890. This cost also covers the the cost of two assembly charges, and two delivery charges. Could I have someone approve the extra funds?

Motion to approve the extra spend for the fans was brought forth by Leanne Elliott and seconded by Laura Witkowski. A vote was passed, all in favor.

Media – Michelle

Kate Cribb and I along with Mr Nigro are putting together a list for the website of upcoming extracurricular activities so parents and students can see what's coming and plan accordingly. The list will have the month the activity is run and the grade eligible to participate.

A parent pointed out we need more than just sports and music. There is talk of pushing through a Chess Club. This will be discussed further at the Teacher meeting where Mr. Nigro will bring it up.

Halloween at Cody – Sarah

The Halloween parade will be back this year. It will take place on the field. Feedback from last year was that the classes loved the field option, so each of the grades can see each other.

Budget Update – Kat

Just a couple of line item updates. Pizza lunches is looking to have made about \$21k. We should have final numbers by next meeting. And as Leanne mentioned we took in \$1100 at Movie Night. October is generally a quiet month for the budget, until the Howl.

Principal and Vice-Principal's Reports - Mr Nigro

Please visit the Principal's Report at mauricecody.ca for more detailed information and initiatives not presently listed here. The following is just a sample of some of the highlights.

- Update on the grade 3 and 4 reorganization. We currently have two occasional teachers but are in the hiring process to have two full time teachers. The way the process works is the following: Sept 25th the jobs were posted. These remain up for five days we can then interview top five based on seniority and if successful then candidate goes to the board for approval. We are fully aware of the transition effect on the students but are hoping to know Friday if the new teachers have been confirmed.
- A new email system has been implemented, "School Connect". Training will be taking place to allow the school to email a specific class or grade, or the whole school depending on the communication.
- We have 27 students moving on for Cross Country tomorrow. Go Cody!
- The Grade 1 Fun Run was well received and was a safer more meaningful alternative to the Ashbridges Bay meet
- Lunch Intramurals will start soon – watch the website for details
- Lunchtime Programs registration is now open.
- Picture Day is Friday October 20th
- Cody Swag will be on sale soon!
- November 15th Progress Reports coming home, November 16th and 17th Parent Teacher interviews.

Adjournment - Sarah

Motion to adjourn Laura Witkowski and Geraldine McFadyen seconded the motion.