

Maurice Cody School Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday December 8th at 9am

Laura Witkowski welcomed everyone to our December meeting. Thanked everyone for coming and spending some of your morning with us.

Approval of the November Minutes - Laura

Laura requested someone approve the November minutes from the last council meeting. Tracy Hall made the motion to approve and Elizabeth Bossick seconded the motion.

Recap of the Winter Fair – Tanya/Sarah

Sarah – Huge thank you is posted on the website for everyone who came and everyone involved. We raised \$24k. Any feedback at all please pass along.

Parent comments:

- Loved the kids made all those snowflakes
- So much to do this year a lot stayed all day
- Loved how much the passports covered this year

Laura: Special thank you to yourself, Tanya, your team I know you start planning right away with all the passion and love and we thank you guys so much

Jump for Georgia – Laura

First part is happening today. It is a road safety piece. At 9:25 for kindergarten – 2, then after recess 3-6 slightly different presentation for each. For the 5/6 they will hear about walking alone – Hodgson for example. There will be information to come home as they are looking for funds for the revitalization of the Trace Manes Park. You will receive a pledge sheet if you are interested in donating. Last week of school before Winter Break will be the actual jumping in gym class. Thank you to all of you for your support. They have reached 80% of their \$1 million goal.

Teacher Gifts – Laura

Most class reps have sent out their email collecting for teacher gifts. A portion of that comes back to the FSA to make sure our non-core staff gets something as well. Last year we did Chapters Gift cards.

Skating Party – Anne/Laura

Friday January 27th from 6-8pm at Hodgson. Traditionally the grade one families bring the cupcakes which we'd like to continue. We supply the hot chocolate, but bring your own cup. We are looking for someone to take this over for next year, perhaps shadow Anne now. You really just need to be available day before and day of. This event is all for fun.

Budget Update – Ryan (Laura)

- As of Nov 30th we are looking at Winter Fair coming in at \$24k. This balances out the \$400 shortfall from the Howl.
- We encourage health, media, sports to ask for funding as we have raised the money for them and would love to see it used.
- Aussie X – talked with Christine Rigby and we will hold a dance-a-thon with proceeds funding our portion of Aussie X

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

Mr Nigro: Thanked Maddy for joining us from Ms Salama's grade five class. She is shadowing principal for the day.

Please visit the Principals 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:

- Term 1 report cards Feb 14th (Teachers commenting on how great students are doing)
- Food Policy – there are discussions going on in regards to bringing in food for birthdays at the school. There are several kids with allergies which makes this so difficult. From an office perspective, there are parents who don't follow the guidelines for school allergies. Perhaps a set list of approved packaged items may be the way to go. More to follow.
- Aussie X Jan 23-25 and again the first week of May

- Music – Junior Choir has received an invitation from Soul Pepper Theatre to perform its a Wonderful Life.
- There is a winter concert which will be end of January or early February.
- Aboriginal workshops start this Monday.

Ms Vala

- Toy Drive: There were over 900 toys donated. Mr Lindstol's class raised the most toys with one student donating 65 toys on his own initiative! They have won a class party but have asked to use the money towards a party to donate to a charity.
- Thank you to the Winter Fair Committee – lots of participation this year. The grade 5/6 cakes were over the top! That was pretty amazing to see!
- Our lunch programs are coming to an end. Online registration for the winter session will take place before the winter break.
- Lunchrooms - Parents please encourage your children not to exchange food with each other. It's really hard to control. Person managing lunch is you as a parent. Please also supply your child with cutlery and we are trying for a litter less lunch.

Maddy

Sports update:

- Basketball well underway and eager to continue until well into December
- Ice hockey – Thanks to all the grade 4-6 students who came out for tryouts
- Intramurals – special thanks to Ms Appel for organizing Dr Dodgeball. Was such a fun activity
- Girls basketball has advanced.
- Boy volleyball has advanced

Teacher Request - Mr Nigro

As part of shared experience with grade 5 and 6, some of the teachers have asked if we could do something art related. It would be the last week of December and the students could take it home for parents. Would be \$20/student with a total of \$2700. I would like to make an ask of \$2000, which mimics the amount spent for joint Basketball game. School will pay \$700. They are doing the legacy art project but its good team building within the classroom.

Parent discussions concluded this idea to be tabled for now and revisited in the new year.

Other Business – Laura

- Thank you to Anne-Marie for the Handwashing Program for our kindergarten kids!
- Post City Magazine are looking for a parent to comment on the two parks being built.

Adjournment - Laura

Motion to adjourn Tracy Hall and seconded by Gaya Sathiyamoorthy

Our next FSA Meeting will be on Monday, January 16th at 7pm in the Library. Complimentary childcare is provided.