

Maurice Cody School Council
Meeting Minutes, May 8th at 7pm

Laura Witkowski welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming

Approval of April Minutes - Laura

Laura requested someone approve the April minutes from the last council meeting.

Tracy Hall made the motion to approve and Carrie O'Neill seconded the motion.

Budget Update - Ryan

- Have received \$11k out of the \$14k for teacher/student allocation
- Reminder Spring Fair at the end of the month goes into next year's budget.
- We've encouraged our administration to have a look at any expenditures you want to get in before the end of the year
- We've been corresponding with Thorncliffe Public School and will be giving them \$5k from our helping other schools line item
- Reminder we need replacements for Laura and Ryan next year

Bike Racks - Amy

- I thought it was odd we don't have bike racks - kids ride and I don't feel secure with their bikes on the fence. I think more people would bike if there were more places to leave them.

Nigro: its nice that everyone looks out for each other in the community but if we had bike racks would there be more people riding to school? Aesthetically I think we need them on school grounds not along the fence. There are the walls along the Community Center but then kids can't play ball. South side by the shed there is dirt we would need a concrete pad but it would be just under \$800 for 8 bikes.

Amy - could we get approved through TDSB?

Nigro: Earliest would be next spring

- The cost of concrete pad needs to be determined then we can figure out which bike racks to get. The expectation would be to no longer use the fence
- We would start with a rack for 8 bikes and then can add more if we need it.
- Ideally would like to complete during summer.

Amy - have you thought about the parking lot and use the fence area around it for the bike racks?

Laura - when the turf was put in some city money was used as well so we can't do anything to minimize the space of the yard.

Laura - thank you to Amy who took on this initiative!

Spring Fair - Laura

- As everyone knows it's coming, wrist bands currently on sale for unlimited rides on the turf
- We have more things for smaller kids this year based on feedback. We also have a flyer going home soon with contributions, silent auction items...still looking for volunteers although Laura Davis has secured people early
- Purple Tree is back, Poutine this year, Mr Nigro Pie in the Face - by Ms Vala
- Aussie X is going to give a presentation

- No garage sale this year - we were noticing the quality of garage sale items has been deteriorating. It has traditionally made \$600 to \$1200 dollars. We decided to partner with the grade 5/6 grad committee and they've decided that space will be used for a book sale! Donations will go to the grade 5/6 to offset their graduation.

Parent Workshops - Mr Nigro

- Next workshop is in June on Internet Safety - opening the Parents evening up to all Cody Parents
- Feedback, it's been very mixed in participation but we have something we feel is untapped
- Trying to get more engagement
- Feedback: Kids have Stress was interesting. Could we have one of substance abuse for our grade 4/5/6 classes?

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast - Laura

Traditionally the FSA holds a breakfast for the staff to say thank you. The link went out today to sign up to bring in items. Label all containers and leave items in the Staff Rm. Last year was a great success and greatly appreciated by staff.

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

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

- been busy staffing
- concert - parents who stayed for the entire performance - was so nice to see - kids were smiling
- Cody sock drive - Aiden did a phenomenal job, the story he was telling us and the plan he came up with Mr Gale, we went over our goal and it was outstanding to see it all come together
- Maclean came to talk about anti bullying as part of the gr 4-6 wellness, got them engaged - feedback from staff was tremendous - he provided personal stories

Question - for class placements next year, are you not asking the kids what friends they'd like to be with next year?

Nigro - we try to rely on the teachers instead of the students because their friends change

Other Business: Laura

Julie - would like to start a Panda Mandarin program at Cody. It's a Chinese language program that is already setup in the area, normally two days after school. It is designed so you don't have to speak Chinese at home. Will send more information to Mr Nigro.

Adjournment - Laura

Motion to adjourn Jennifer Dobson and Ryan Hurley seconded the motion.

Our final FSA Meeting will be on June 13th at 7pm in the library. Usually we go morning / evening for our meetings but June meeting is our budget approval meeting.