

# November 8, 2016: FSA Meeting

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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Maurice Cody SWAG wear is back!!**

Back by popular demand, the Maurice Cody spirit wear is back! Starting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, and for two weeks thereafter, you can purchase (online) your favorite Maurice Cody clothing items. Whether a baseball cap, sweatshirt, pants, hoodie or t-shirt, the Maurice Cody Coyote swag makes for an excellent holiday gift and is great for our spirit days!

Online ordering to begin November 14<sup>th</sup>!

### **Coyote Co-Curricular Update**

#### **Sports:**

On behalf of the Maurice Cody staff and administration, we wanted to take the opportunity to acknowledge our Boys and Girls slo-pitch teams, who since September practiced and competed against other junior division teams in their regional tournaments and playoff games. As a result of their hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence both became TDSB South Conference Champions! They both represented their Conference in the City wide championships on October 25<sup>th</sup>. While we did not advance to the City finals, both teams finishing top four in the city was a great accomplishment! All players are to be commended for a tremendous job and a special thank you to the coaches Ms. Appel, Ms. Watters, our parent coach Ms. Elliott and to all the parents for their unwavering support throughout the season.

In addition, our school Cross-Country season came to an end on October 26. Starting the season with just over 270 student-athletes from Grades 1 to 6 running in their regional meet, to 39 students advancing to the Conference meet two weeks ago and finally to 3 students qualifying for the City finals last Wednesday, all runners are to be congratulated for an outstanding season. The balance between body and mind, perseverance and persistence is exemplified with all those who ran their races and competed until the finish line! A special thank you from Ms. Appel and all staff who supported our students during the season and to our 3 City finalists, you represented Cody valiantly and we are all proud of your achievement!

#### **Intramurals:**

Congratulations to all students who have been participating during the Co-Ed flag football season. It has been not only fun but also a great learning experience on how to build great teamwork and problem solving skills while playing! Thank you Mr. Lindstol for coordinating a successful season!

#### **Upcoming:**

- Primary Intramurals: Dr. Dodgeball coming soon- brought to you by the MCAA (the Maurice Cody Athletic Association) and Ms. Appel.
- The following tryouts to begin in November:  
**Boys' Volleyball:** Monday and Wednesday mornings (7:50 am) @ Maurice Cody (tryouts & practices)

Girls' Basketball: Tuesday and Friday mornings (7:45 am) @ Maurice Cody (tryouts & practices)

Ice Hockey: Thursday's November 17<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup> tryouts(7:30 am) @ Leaside Gardens Arena

### **Community News: Hodgson PARC**

#### **Hoskins announces \$5.84 million for Hodgson Senior Public School addition**

October 28, 2016

St. Paul's MPP Dr. Eric Hoskins announced \$5.84 million today for a 276 pupil place addition to Hodgson Senior Public School to relieve accommodation pressure.

"This provincial funding is great news for families in the Hodgson Senior Public School area," said Dr. Eric Hoskins, MPP for St. Paul's. "A larger school shows our government continues to support local students with better schools for better learning. The \$5.84 million investment will have a positive impact on students' learning experience and help them reach their full potential."

Across the province, Ontario is building 28 new schools and expanding and renovating 23 existing ones. This investment will ensure more students are benefitting from state-of-the-art learning facilities that can deliver a full range of programming.

"High-quality schools are the heart of our local communities and the foundation of our publicly funded education system. We know that better buildings support better learning. The funding announced today is a strategic investment in student achievement and well-being, and in the long-term prosperity of our province," said Education Minister Mitzie Hunter.

- The province is investing \$2.7 billion over two years to support school repair and renewal. This funding is estimated to benefit more than 2,100 schools that have repair and renewal projects valued at \$100,000 or more.
- Ontario is providing school boards across the province with more than \$12 billion over 10 years to help build new schools in areas of high growth, improve the condition of existing schools and invest in projects to reduce surplus space through school consolidations.
- <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/capital.html>

### **Transitions Committee**

As a result of a 2015-2016 TDSB Board of Trustees Approval in support of a Pupil Accommodation Review Committee recommendation for grade reconfigurations, the following changes will occur for September 2016:

- Hodgson Senior Public School transition from a configuration of Grade 7-8 to a configuration of Grades 6-8 (Middle School)
- Hodgson's feeder schools (Davisville Public School, Eglinton Public School, Maurice Cody Public School and Oriole Park Public School) change from a Kindergarten – Grade 6 configuration to a Kindergarten to Grade 5 configuration

Given these changes, each school will have a transitions committee to raise issues related to local transitions issues arising from the grade configuration changes, discuss these issues and

provide advice and recommendations to the principal of each school in terms of implementing potential solutions.

Each school's transition committee will be a subcommittee of the school's council (SC) which provides advice to the principal on matters related to student achievement and well-being.

Each of the 5 school principals meet monthly with the Superintendent of Education to bring issues forward for discussion as a group in order to look at consistency of approach where appropriate. In the first two transition meetings, some of the discussion topics to date have included:

- Graduation issues related to a double cohort (grade 5 and grade 6)
- Construction related issues at Hodgson given the increased enrolment starting in September 2017
- Parent Information Meetings
- Grade 5 and Grade 6 transition visits to Hodgson
- Childcare Options
- Excursions including Outdoor Education Experiences
- Staffing
- Management of Furniture and Equipment

Each of the five school principals will bring information back from the administrator transition team meetings to their respective local school transition team and to the local school council.

**The Maurice Cody transitions team will be meeting on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm.**

We look forward to working together to support our students.

### **Important Dates**

November 7-17<sup>th</sup>: Toy Drive

November 11: Remembrance Day Assembly (10-11 am)

November 14-28: Maurice Cody Spirit wear ordering \*Email to go out this weekend

November 15: Progress Reports go home

November 17: Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)

November 18: Parent Teacher Interviews (am)

November 18: PA Day

November 26: Cody Winter Fair (10am-3pm)