

Maurice Cody School Council

## **Meeting Minutes, Tuesday November 8th 7pm**

Laura Witkowski welcomed everyone to our November meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

### **Approval of October minutes**

Laura requested someone approve the October minutes from the last council meeting. Ryan Hurley made the motion to approve and Nathalie Rethazy seconded the motion.

### **Budget Update - Ryan**

Cody Howl Revenue came in at \$17k. Slightly down from last year but more in line with two years ago. Most of the difference was in auction items as well as the cost of the waitstaff and police have gone up. Projected Revenue for the year now is \$93k.

Discussion of a Dane-A-Thon this year as a separate fundraiser. This is not factored into the budget and could potentially raise a significant amount of money.

Parent Question:

Have we ever thought of doubling up on pizza lunches?

Laura: Maybe something to think about for next year. Now that we have everything setup online we could probably do it every two weeks.

What about sub lunches?

Nathalie: Hoping to a pilot project for grade 1-6s starting in January. You would get a six inch sub, apple slices and apple juice.

Comment:

Simone spoke of a class project auction idea. Each class painted a Muskoka chair and then auctioned them off. Good way to get the students involved.

### **Enrichment Update - Sue**

Enrichment meeting including Sue, Anne, Mr Nigro, Ms Vala and some teachers discussed what everyone would like to see brought in for Enrichment.

Some highlights:

- Every class gets an author coming in to read to them
- Grade 5 and 6: Trek Environmental Program
- Grade 4: U of T Engineering coming back - this is along the curriculum
- Grade 1, 2 and 3: special native workshop on the Seven Grandfathers with artwork
- Grade 1, 2 and 3: will watch a play
- Grade 5 and 6: entertained by B Boys

Teachers would prefer the Grade 4 and 5's get Scientists in the School instead of Director's Cut. Scientists in the School is geared more towards their curriculum.

Our legacy art project in the hallway is so beautiful. This year we have two classes graduating that are each participating in their own project. The artist applied for the grant but didn't take into account we need her for a full ten days (two classes) so we are going to need more money. Sue then made a motion for \$800 towards the Enrichment art project. This was seconded by Jen Dobson. Motion carried.

Laura thanked everyone for getting this all organized.

**Winter Fair – Tanya**

- Winter Fair is November 26th from 10am to 3pm.
- A number of new attractions this year and kept a lot of the favorites.
- Gym will have two bouncy castles, basketball net, hockey shootout and money machine
- Home Depot build it room. Home depot actually donates 250 kits for the kids to build
- New room this year - After Four, lego and automation
- Kids Cans and Parents Cans this year
- Swag - Toques for sale
- The passport this year gives you access to: a salon treatment (hair chalking/hair braiding/tattoos/face-painting), a photo with Santa, a lunch combo (pizza, drink, and chips), the Home Depot Build-It Room, 4 of our fabulous new games in the gym (bouncy castle, inflatables, hockey shot/basketball shot), cotton candy and coat check
- Grade 5 and 6 need to bring in ten cakes this year - make it a competition, maybe themes?

#### Additional Comments:

- Really liked the grade 5 and 6 signup sheet for volunteering.
- Toques are on sale now on the website
- Poster contest ends on Thursday
- Tanya and Sarah are doing an amazing job!!

#### **Recap of Cody Howl – Leanne**

The Howl came in at \$17k this year. We had fewer sponsors and some additional costs - Police changed policy back in July so it costs more to have them and the waitstaff increased their prices. Overall thought it was really great.

Thank you to Michelle Wagland for all the work she did on the website.

Laura thanked Leanne for all her hard work.

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

Please visit the Principals Report at [mauricecody.ca](http://mauricecody.ca) for more detailed information and initiatives not presently listed here. The following is just a sample of some of the highlights:

- Nenad – our head of daycare is here tonight
- We met with Eagle Beaver to start selling the Cody Swag again this year. Will be available Nov 14 to Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. Orders close on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> so you can get them in time for the holidays. There will be tshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, baseball caps and tech shirts.
- Friday we kicked off the Toy drive. JK to gr 6 were all in the gym at once which was great. It ends on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr Dodgeball intramurals will start next week.

#### **Other Business - Laura**

- Looking for parents to volunteer to take on the grade 6 year book. Jill has been working on the grade 5 one. An email will be sent out requesting help.
- Walking Wednesday underway so come write your name on the poster.
- Jump for Georgia - connected with Jillian Walsh for Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Would be a road safety piece and then a donation piece that could be executed during gym time.
- Surekha has put together a Class Rep handbook. Will get that out once approved.

Mr Nigro: update on Aussie X - negotiating with them for a program for jk to grade 6. Would start in Winter. Offering to split 50/50 with the FSA if that works.

Tracy made a motion for the \$6500 request for Aussie X and Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion is carried for approval of the money to get the program started.

#### **Adjournment - Laura**

Motion to adjourn Elizabeth and seconded by Simone

Next FSA Meeting will be on Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the staff room.