

**Maurice Cody School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes: May 7th, 6:30pm**

Sarah Claydon welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us at our second last meeting of the school year!

**Approval of April Minutes** - Sarah Claydon

Mo Tantawi made a motion to approve the April minutes and Sarah Farrugia seconded the motion.

**Cody Logo** – Kristi Murl

We have a new Cody logo!

- Worked with the FSA, Mr Nigro, Ms Vala and some students and staff for lots of feedback before making the final decision
- We wanted to keep a lot of the things we loved about it but freshen it up
- In the fall there will be a launch of new fabrics and clothing designs with the new logo
- You'll start to see the logo around the school and they'll be an unveiling at the Spring Fair!

**Safety** - Jen Ankenmann

- Submitted nominations for our longtime crossing guards, Elizabeth and Abi on Cleveland / Belsize and Cleveland / Manor corners for an award.
- We were contacted by a national company interested in community safety issues. Farnaz did an interview with them on our flag program and they are using it for their internal company blog.
- Flag Program:
  - We are going to add flags to the corners of Cleveland/Belsize and Cleveland/Manor to use outside of crossing guard hours.
  - We are putting together flags, holder and instruction if anyone would like to purchase their own safety kit for their corner. We will explain how to get everything up and running and then you can manage as far as maintenance.
  - Note: flags are currently on backorder so hoping to have in another two weeks

**Principal and Vice Principal's Report** - Mr.Nigro and Ms Vala

The following provides a synopsis of some key events and updates since our April FSA meeting. For the latest and up to date information, check out the parent website at [www.mauricecody.ca](http://www.mauricecody.ca).

- Facilities
  - Having fire doors with windows installed in the basement. They would open automatically if needed
  - TDSB will be here June 7th to install the Legacy Art Projects from the last two years
- Co-curriculars

- Junior Choir and Boys Choir will be performing with the Upper Canada Chorus this Friday at the Metropolitan Church. We thank Ms Snow for this opportunity
- Folkfest next Tuesday
- Sports
  - Ultimate Frisbee is currently practicing for a meet on Monday.
  - Ultimate Frisbee lunchtime intramurals are also on Mon and Fri
  - Girls Slo-Pitch team came in first today for their tournament so they will go on to the next round.
  - Track Day is Wednesday for those who are competing at Birchmount Stadium
- EQAO
  - The dates are May 28th, 29th and 30th for all grade threes. These are mandated by the province. We try to make these days as stress-free as possible with day to day activities learning different aspects of EQAO instead of focused EQAO learning.
- Enrichment
  - Grade 4 Lego League has three teams competing this Friday
  - A Grade 3 Coding Club for Girls has just begun as well (Thank you Ms Gerrits!)
  - Grade 4 Dance Workshop
  - Grade 3 Canvas Workshop
  - Grade 1 Art Project
- Mental Health and Wellness week
  - Kids have been starting the afternoons with the Health Hustle broadcast on the PA. Today's focus was on feelings. Something new each day. Will continue to carry these traits on in our day to day.

Ms Vala: Wanted to say thank you because without all the fundraising efforts we wouldn't have all these Enrichment programs available to our students.

Sarah: There was \$32k spent on Enrichment programs this year. We are going to hold a Show and Share for parents put on by the teachers with some of the spends and how they are being used.

Mr Nigro: We will send out invites to that as soon as it's arranged by most likely in May. (There is talk it will be recorded for those who cannot attend)

- Student Placements
  - If you have any information you would like to share with Mr Nigro and Ms Vala about a learning style or teacher request for next year, please send them an email.
  - Sarah commented: Remember your kid at home may not be your kid at school so I recommend putting some trust in the teachers that they know your child's learning style and what might work for them that you might not necessarily choose yourself.

Q: Do we always give the same teacher to siblings?

Mr Nigro: There is no hard and fast rule that says we have to do that. We base our decision on a number of different things.

**Finance Update** - Sarah Claydon for Cecilia Kwan  
Cecilia sent her regrets.

- Budget Meeting
    - June 11<sup>th</sup> is our budget meeting
    - Cecilia and Sarah have been going through the numbers
    - Anticipating an overage around \$25k, assuming Spring Fair makes the projected amount
    - Any and all suggestions are welcome with regards to larger project spending with this overage, we will also discuss with teachers
- Q: Do you look at programming only or can you look at things like the play structure?  
Mr Nigro: kindergarten play structure at Cheston is something we've talked about but if we could incorporate the larger playground as well that would be something to look into.
- Finance Update - monthly spends:
    - Just under \$4k for the class budgets
    - Enrichment \$3400 - drama, art projects and STEAM
    - \$600 logics Academy
    - \$900 on special ed materials
    - \$1500 on Lice Checks (Thank you to Tracy, Natasha and Kate for making lice checks work so smoothly)

**Community Update** – Mike Healy

- Coffee Hour with Trustee Rachel Chernos-Lin was a week ago
  - Tried to have an evening meeting but only two people showed up
  - Discussed budget deficit meeting on May 15th. People can apply online to speak for five minutes at the meeting
  - PART is on hold until the fall - they will only deal with Eglinton and Northlea boundaries
  - Trustee Chernos-Lin would like to do more Ward Forums in the evenings and would love some suggestions on topics. Examples: Bullying, tech, eating disorders etc. These will start next fall.
  - It is also Asian and Jewish Heritage Month

**Spring Fair** - Sarah Farrugia / Mo Tantawi

- Exciting news! We now have a Video Game Truck reserved for the fair. It holds 30 kids at once so for five tickets you can have ten minutes
- Julianne: We need volunteers. We are focusing on kindergarten classes so we'll see next week how that worked out.

Mr Nigro commented he has sent out an email blast to the high schools and middle schools in the area.

Response: we've almost reached our student volunteer cap

- Raviv has done an amazing job with securing sponsors
- Wristbands are now on sale

### **Freezie Fridays** - Kate Dickson

We will be holding Freezie Fridays on May 31st, June 6th, 14th and 21st.

### **Green Team Update** - Sarah Claydon for Meghan Lockington-Minns

- We've submitted our ECO school application. There will be an audit done on the school June 6th to see how environmentally friendly we are.
- Poster Contest was quite successful. All the posters have now been put up on the wall. Please have a look they are outside the library. We had three winners and three adoptions through the WWF.
- Markers - we've been collecting used markers once a month, or sooner if containers are full

### **Committee Updates** - Natasha Golding

- Lice Checks
  - Checked 617 kids and found only 1 live case
- Lost and Found
  - Kristi and Natasha sorted all the lost and found items and returned anything with a label on it. Those not labeled or claimed have been donated.
- Walking Wednesday
  - We've made it to Quebec City and hoping to now make it to Montreal

### **Other Business** - Sarah Claydon

- There is a Pro (Parents Reaching Out) Grant we apply for every year through the Ministry of Education if anyone has any requests or ideas, we need to apply for this in June. Examples of previous Pro Grant activities: How to Talk to Kids about Tragedy, Rainbow Plates for healthy eating, Online Safety experts.
- Spring Fair needed three tents not two. In the last meeting we approved two tents so could we vote for a third?
  - Tracy Hall made the motion to buy the additional tent for \$150 and Kate Dickson seconded the motion. All in favour passed successfully.
- Grade 5 Grad - they will be holding a book sale at the Spring Fair so save all your books and we'll be requesting them be donated soon.
- Volunteer Tea next Thursday at 8am in the atrium for everyone who has volunteered at Cody.

### **Adjournment** – Sarah Claydon

Motion to adjourn Kristi Murl and Jen Annkenmann seconded the motion.

Next FSA Meeting is June 11th at 6:30pm