

**Maurice Cody School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes: June 11th, 6:30pm**

Sarah Claydon welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us at our final meeting of the 2018/19 school year. Our budget meeting!

**Approval of April Minutes** - Sarah Claydon

Natasha Golding made a motion to approve the May minutes and Jen Ankenmann seconded the motion.

**Budget 2018/19** - Sarah Claydon

Here is an overview of the budget from 2018/19 school year.

- We planned to raise \$126k and to spend \$115k
- We actually raised \$146k and have spent \$110k so far, so we have about \$36k left over.
- We carry over \$10k each year, we have about \$5k left in spending which leaves us about \$21k to spend before the end of the year in August.

**Budget 2019/20** - Cecilia Kwan / Sarah Claydon

Here is what we are looking at for next year's budget and what some of the line items mean:

- We plan to raise \$114k and spend \$104k
- Pizza lunches and hot lunches increased some of our revenue this year so we expect them to go up next year with additional students and Lunch Lady starting in Sept and running through to June.
- Enriching the Classroom includes Enrichment and Tech. Enrichment went over this year so we borrowed from Tech that didn't need as much (we did a big spend on Tech last year). For next year we've kept Enrichment the same but slightly reduced Tech but we do expect some hardware upgrades for Tech next year.
- Schoolwide now includes the Green Team as well.

Jen Ankenmann then made a motion to approve the 2019/20 budget outline as presented and was seconded by Farnaz Kiervin. All were in favour, motion approved.

Mr Nigro expressed great appreciation to Cecilia for all her hard work this year. Keeping on top of things and keeping everyone on track.

Circling back to the remaining money for the 2018/19 school year, Sarah has received some suggestions and council has come up with some ideas as well:

- Rebranding of the uniforms - choir vests, sports jerseys, modernize and refresh
- School beautification - half the gym still needs to be painted, request for some positive messaging/character traits around the school on banners (5-8)
- Possible indoor shoe tote bags for each student with Cody Logo

Mr Nigro gave an update on the painting of the gym. We are looking at about \$10k to get it finished. The work order has been submitted but that may not be filled until the winter but we are hoping to get it done over the summer or winter break. Some teachers have requested STEM Carts and Diagnostic Reading Assessments.

There was then discussion over whether to go ahead with the shoe tote bags. Some kindergarten classrooms won't need them but some desperately do. The teachers would like them to get the shoes off the ground. There was concern if there would be an expense then going forward.

Sarah then concluded we have three buckets of asks:

1. Beautification - painting the rest of the gym and purchasing 5-8 banners
2. Uniforms - rolling out the new logo on sports uniforms, choir vests etc - will prioritize with teachers.
3. Curriculum - STEM Carts, Diagnostic Reading Assessment

Meghan Lockington-Minns then made a motion to approve the remaining spend of the 2018/19 school year budget on these three categories. Natasha Golding then seconded the motion. All were in favour. Motion approved.

### **Safety Update** - Farnaz Kiervin and Jen Ankenmann

- Flag Program:
  - Flag Program was rolled out to two final intersections - Cleveland and Manor and Cleveland and Belsize. These intersections have crossing guards but are busy outside of their working hours.
  - A company interested in safety has reached out and interviewed our Safety Committee and would like to roll out the Flag Program across Canada.
  - We are putting together kits, you can purchase to have flags at your own intersection now. We provide everything you need and all the instructions.
  - Zebra stripes have been painted in the intersections outside the school
- Crossing Guards:
  - Our fabulous Crossing Guard Elizabeth has won Canada's Favorite Crossing Guard. Award sponsors Parachute and Fedex would like to present her with an award and honour all the great things she's done. We have secured the date of June 25th at 9:30 am if anyone would like to join us on the field to say thank you to her.

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

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

Mr Nigro started off by thanking all the teachers for sitting through all these extra meetings with them to figure out placements for next year. The teachers work so hard but really feel appreciated by all the fundraising the parents do here that really help support their curriculums.

- Sports
  - JR Ultimate Frisbee Team finished on top with spirit points. Big thank you to Mr Grundy, Ms Nickel and Matt Murl for all their hard work.
  - JR Ultimate Frisbee Intramurals team has a tournament at Forest Hill on Wednesday. We have 40 or so kids going for this fun day.
  - Track and Field season concluded. Started about a month ago, then 25 kids made it to Conference Finals then 11 competed in the City Finals. We had some medals but most importantly many kids achieved their personal bests.

- Girls Slo-Pitch - they finished as Conference Finalists
- Boys Slo-Pitch - they have City Finals on Wednesday this week.

Question: Can parents volunteer to help coach? Or if Ms Appel needed assistance with Track and Field for example, could they help?

Mr Nigro: Yes! As long as there is a teacher volunteer and the parent goes through the TDSB training course and gets a police report done then yes I'm sure they could use the extra help.

➤ Enrichment

- We had three Lego Robotics teams that did such a great job with their presentations at the LEGO Showcase. We will be looking into Outreach with Thorncliffe Park PS going forward and incorporate the Lego Leagues into working with them as well.

➤ Co-curriculars

- Folkfest that was supposed to happen a month ago will be performing for Cody on the turf at 1:30pm on June 19th. Everyone is welcome to come watch.

➤ Facilities

- Our Green Team had an Eco Audit done on our school June 6th. Thanks to Meghan for leading that charge in getting our school ready. We will find out our new level next week.
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Big thank you to Mo Tantawi, Pnina Alon-Shenker and Sarah Farrugia for everything they did with the Spring Fair. Even though it was indoors they managed to pull it off so smoothly. All the volunteers were greatly appreciated.

➤ Staffing

- We have five teachers retiring this year. Ms. Bruce, Ms. Klein, Mr. Landry, Ms. Nisenholt and Ms. Tarleton
- This gives us the opportunity to hire and that we have! We have hired six new staff for next year.
- On June 21st we will provide an update on the new staff in the bulletin so watch for that
- June 26th students go to their new classes to meet their teachers for next year. We are trying to get the new teachers to be here that day as well to meet their new class.

**PRO Grant** - Sarah Claydon

The Parent Reaching Out Grant is offered to schools each year. Its \$1k for an event or workshop bringing parents together. If anyone has any ideas on what we could do, please let me know. We've had Alyson Schaffer before, an internet safety expert Paul Davis, Rainbow Plates...so any ideas, we'd love to hear them.

Mr Nigro suggested maybe something with mindfulness or stress in kids lives?

**Green Team** - Meghan Lockington-Minns

To recap all that the Green Team has done this year:

- Approached the grade five teachers in September for some students who might be interested in being on the Green Team. We've been meeting once a week and have had some really great initiatives.
  - Announcements encouraging kids to bring lunch bags and plates for pizza and Lunch Lady

- Different days of the week to encourage awareness of the environment
- School-wide clean Up outside
- Poster Contest - symbolically adopted WWF animals for winners
- Marker recycling drive
- Can't thank Ms DaSilva enough for all she did in creating this fabulous binder for the Eco Audit. It was really great she was able to take that on.
  - The auditors confirmed each classroom as the appropriate landfill poster, they suggested a green bin program and how we could incorporate more interaction with the community
- Big thank you to Ms Soloway, Ms Vroom, Ms Gerrits and Ms DaSilva for everything.

### **Committee Updates** – Natasha Golding

- Lice Checks - currently booked for Sept 10th and 11th next year. Tracy Hall, Natasha and Nicole Colacci have stepped up in Kate Cribb's absence.
- Walking Wednesday - start in St Johns and we've now hit Montreal. Hoping to get to Toronto by the end of June. Thanks to Jen Dobson who spearheaded this, this year, and for agreeing to continue next!
- Outreach - Looking at getting Cody Kids working with Thorncliffe throughout the year not just at the end.
- Tech - Show and Share will be Wed, June 19th at 9am. Mr Baker will speak on behalf of the STEAM Leads and show some of the items we've purchased for them. Next year we will have a more interactive presentation with the parents.
- Freezie Fridays are happening now so look for us Friday!

### **FSA Positions** - Sarah Claydon

Next year we have the following positions open on our FSA:

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The job descriptions are posted on the Cody Parent site.

We have some Vice Chairs that would like to be voted in again but we'll talk more about that in Sept.

### **Lunch Lady Update** - Sarah Claydon

We've committed to one day starting in September next year. We've talked about doing two days a week but we'll see how the year starts off first.

### **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** - Michelle Wagland

If anyone would like to donate any food items, please bring them in to the Staff Room this Friday morning or Thursday evening. The sign up sheet is <https://volunteersignup.org/9R9TW> to see what is still needed.

### **Adjournment** – Sarah Claydon

Motion to adjourn Farah Budhani Dobani and Kristi Murl seconded the motion.