

Maurice Cody School Council
Meeting Minutes: Sept 10th, 6:30pm

Sarah Claydon welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us at our first meeting of the 2019/20 school year!

Approval of June Minutes - Sarah Claydon

Jen Ankenmann made a motion to approve the June minutes and Sue Porritt seconded the motion.

Kiss & Ride - Sue Porritt

Some information on what Kiss & Ride is and how it keeps traffic flowing, neighbors happy and kids safe:

- There are two pylons on Cheston that we setup in between from 8:30-8:40am for grade 1-5's
- Car drives up, volunteer opens the car door, child gets out and walks into the staff supervised schoolyard
- We need some volunteers whether one day a week, a couple of weeks, a month, whatever works, we would love your help!

Note: Kindergarten kids need to be walked to their playground for drop offs.

Introductions - Sarah Claydon

Sarah introduced herself as the current FSA Chair. Meghan Lockington-Minns, Jennifer Ankenmann, Natasha Golding and Kristi Murl as the current vice-chairs. Michelle Wagland as secretary and social media and Cecilia Kwan as Treasurer.

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.

- Staffing - new hires
 - Ms Burk, Ms Lee, Ms Solway - FDK
 - Ms Calderone - gr 1/2
 - Ms Cutrara, Ms Pereira (filling in for Mr Grundy) - gr 1
 - Ms Maldonado - gr 2
 - Ms Gerrits - gr 4
 - Ms Da Tore - media
 - Ms McIntosh - SNA
 - Ms Rahimikhameneh (Ms R) - Secretary
 - Looking to hire an office admin over the next month or so. Ms Anthony (former Cody OA) will be helping out until that happens.
 - Superintendent is now Andrew Howard. We'd like to welcome him back, he knows this school very well so we look forward to working with him again.
- First Day Forms
 - Office needs a hard copy of each form so please return to office as soon as possible
 - Important to get your Medical Forms in, we need to know if any allergies or medications. Students are never to self administer medications so please send any to the office. If your child has an epi-pen we are a school that requires they carry it on them at all times

- Reason for hard copy is that there are some Cody-specific forms that need to be completed, and these weren't possible to send via the TDSB email blast. We will work on this for next year.
- Hot Lunch Program
 - We had 309 participants at our first lunch this year!
 - Our school has the largest number of orders for Lunch Lady in Canada
 - Need to encourage boomerang - whatever not eaten needs to be returned home. Liquid we will dispose of here.
 - There were some issues with the grade one orders but we are working with Lunch Lady to smooth that out
 - Should settle down soon!
- Safe Arrival Program
 - Call office if child is late or absent
 - If you receive a robocall, listen until the end of call
 - Students arriving late must sign in at the office
 - Students leaving early must be signed out in the office - parents are not to go to their child's classroom to find them
- Class Sizes
 - Kindergarten average is 29-30 students
 - Gr 1 and 2 reach the cap of 20
 - Gr 3 are 23 each. Cap is 20 so we've asked for an extension to allow for 23
 - Gr 4 and 5 average 29/30 per class.
 - If the TDSB mandates we reorg you will hear from Mr Nigro by Monday
 - We've gotten some pretty great teachers from a reorg, Ms DaSilva and Ms Gerrits so just know we take a lot of pride in finding the best staff
- Other
 - Staff is very appreciative for the Welcome back gifts
 - Label all lunch bags, water bottles, jackets, shoes etc so they don't end up in the lost and found

Staff are committed, enthusiastic and excited for the school year and we all want safe, happy and successful students.

Question: What happens with Ms Solway when Ms Copley returns in the spring? The kids will be used to her by then and will then have someone new.

Mr Nigro: We would make sure it was a smooth transition for the students as the teachers would overlap and work together.

Finance Update - Cecilia Kwan

- We raised \$146,518 in the 2018/19 school year
- We spent \$126,401
 - Enriching the Classrooms \$43K
 - Supplementing Classrooms \$27k
 - Technology and STEAM \$25K
 - School Wide \$20k
 - General \$10k
- We have few items that we purchased over the summer, or that will be spent this month:
 - New keyboard with a recording feature for Ms Snow
 - Team jerseys for soccer and volleyball with the new Cody Logo

- STEM purchases
- DRA (Reading Assessments)
- Painting other half of gym and adding character messaging around the school

We always carry over a small amount to be able to get going with Enrichment right away in September.

Mr Nigro then thanked Cecilia for all the hard work she's done as Treasurer. Not just during the school year but over the summer while multitasking with kids and returning to work. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts

Key Dates - Sarah Claydon

Always check www.mauricecody.ca for any dates as well as @codyparents on Instagram and Twitter

- Movie Night - Sept 27th
 - Great outdoor community event
 - Movie is always a surprise right up until the event
 - Bring your blankets and change for a concession stand
 - Please no popcorn!
- Cody Howl - Nov 2nd
 - Book your sitters - parent only event!
 - Takes place in Cody gym
 - They'll be a band, dancing, auctions and food
- Winter Fair - Dec 14th 10am-3pm
 - Basement of the school is turned into a Winter Wonderland
 - Inflatables in the gym, a workshop, food, Santa, cake walk etc
- Dance-a-thon - March
 - The Magen Boys join each grade in the gym for a dance party
 - Competition between kindergarten classes, Primary classes and Junior classes for prize packs for most money raised
- Spring Fair - May 30th
 - Takes place outside at Cody (unless it's raining then inside)
 - Silent auction, Inflatables, face painting, food, and so much more

Safety Committee – Farnaz Kiervin and Jen Ankenmann

The safety committee was responsible for advocating for more consistent crossing guards, creation of the safe cross program and all the flags.

- Six intersections in our neighborhood have canisters attached to poles to hold the flags
- Kids take a flag from one side, hold it up as they cross the street and put it in the holder on the other side
- Please keep the flags at the intersection they are found. Too many times we see kids walking with them down the street or to the next intersection and this then means another child cannot use it at the last intersection
- We are no longer putting up anymore flags but if you would like to buy a kit for your corner, they are \$115 for 20 flags.

Green Team - Meghan Lockington-Minns

With some great teacher support last year we were able to get Cody up to a Silver Eco Status. Thanks to Ms DaSilva for completing the very lengthy registration along with a number of teachers who supported our initiative.

- We eliminated single use plates for Pizza Day
- Started a school wide marker recycling program
- Earth Day Clean Up in the neighborhood
- Boomerang lunches
- Started a student-led Green Team to spread knowledge of proper waste management
- Lindsay Walker and Priya Iyer have volunteered to help with the committee this year

Mr Nigro thanked Meghan for all her hard work this past year as it was greatly appreciated.

Executive Elections - Sarah Claydon

The role of Chair and Treasurer are two year roles. Therefore, after a two-year post, Sarah Claydon is stepping down as Chair and Cecilia Kwan is as Treasurer. Michelle Wagland is also stepping down this year as Secretary along with Natasha Golding, Meghan Lockington-Minns, Kristi Murl and Jen Ankenmann as Vice-Chairs.

The following people have stepped forward that they are interested in the following roles:

- Co-Chairs: Natasha Golding and Farnaz Kiervin
- Vice-Chair: Julianne Bryant and Mike Healy
- Treasurer: Tracy Allardyce
- Secretary: Karen Wiseman

We've also had a number of people show interest in Committee Chair roles:

- Cody Howl: Peter Claydon, Sandra Idenouye, Jenn Healey, Lisa Lefebvre, Rory Marchant-Kelly and Vivian Hochman
- Winter Fair: Julianne Bryant, Julie Brown and Alyssa Bourdeau
 - Always need committee members to run raffles, bake sale, lunch, build it room etc.
- Spring Fair: Pnina Alon-Shenker and Sarah Farrugia
- Sponsorship: Raviv Israel and Katie Young-McCord
- Dance-a-thon: Christine Rigby
- Movie Night: Leanne Elliott, Krista Semotiuk and Al Melkonian
 - Leanne is looking for someone to shadow her going forward
- Website and Social Media: Michelle Wagland
 - Michelle will be looking for someone to take over, her child is in grade four now so looking for a couple of people to shadow her
- Freezie Friday:
 - This is four times in May/June – there were historic lineups this year with a great team selling and cutting freezies. We need someone to lead this initiative.
- Library: Nilay Onay
- Music: Daniela Klein
- Walking Wednesday: Jen Dobson
 - Jen is looking for someone to shadow her and take over for next year, setup is at 8:15am and then at 8:40am pack up and done.
- Green Team: Meghan Lockington-Minns, Lindsay Walker and Priya Iyer
- Ward Rep: Mike Healy
- Kiss & Ride: Sue Porritt

- Sue needs someone to shadow her to take over for this year. Her role is to coordinate the Kiss & Ride volunteers to ensure we always have someone available
- Safety: Katie Young-McCord, Farah Merchant and Mike Healy
 - Jen and Farnaz had great success with flag program and crossing guards so we would love the team this year to look at crossing guards for Soudan and Cleveland.
- Finance: Sue Porritt and Nick Foster
- Skating Party: Michelle Wagland, Daina Bloom and Julie Seymour
- Tech/Enrichment: Veronica Sepehr
 - This role works with the Teachers, Administration and Parents to coordinate not only asks but new ideas. LEGO Robotics League came out of this group along with a number of arts/drama initiatives
- Outreach: Christina Mathra-McLoughlin, and possibly Clare Nash
 - Looking to have the students interacting with the community more this year
- Staff Appreciation: Michelle Wagland and Julie Seymour
- Pizza Lunch: Meghan Lockington-Minns, Danka Sobot and Susan Thouin
 - Always need volunteers to help hand out pizza day of
- Lice Checks: Natasha Golding and Nicole Colacci
 - Natasha and Nicole will start tomorrow. They don't actually do the checking for lice but coordinate the classrooms coming down to get checked and ensure everything keeps moving safely. Start just after 9am and it runs until shortly after 3pm. If you can help for half the day, whole day, anything let them know.

Carole-Anne Chiasson made a motion to approve the Executive Committee volunteers for the 2019/20 school year. Meghan Lockington-Minns seconded the motion. All in favour.

Sarah Claydon then commented on how amazing it has been to work with our administration over the last two years. We are so lucky to have such a positive group who care about what's best for the kids. Made for a really great experience.

Class Reps - Sarah Claydon

If you're interested in being a class rep, please submit your name to your teacher. The teacher will then decide based on interest. The outline is on the website (www.mauricecody.ca) of what the role entails. This role is pivotal with getting FSA information out to parents.

Other - Sarah Claydon

- Expressed her gratitude to everyone for her incredible experience over the last two years. How fortunate she felt to work with such a great team, and administration.
- Thanked her Execs for being so involved and supportive
- Wished the incoming Execs a great year

Mr Nigro and Ms Vala:

Expressed mutual gratitude for Sarah and her advocacy and presence for all the grades at Cody. Also thanked all the Executives for their hard work and dedication and look forward to another great year.

Adjournment – Sarah Claydon

Motion to adjourn Julianne Bryant and Mike Healy seconded the motion.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 17th at 9am in the Staff Room.