

## **Maurice Cody Family & School Association**

**Tuesday January 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Farnaz Kiervin and Natasha Golding welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- Mr. Nigro introduced our new Vice Principal, Kelli Helpert
- Ms. Helpert provided some details of her teaching history and most recently came from the Duke of Connaught with over 900 students. She has had great experiences and is happy to be at Maurice Cody. She indicated she has an open-door policy and welcomes families and students to come in, call or email. She has already noted a great partnership with Mr. Nigro.

### **Approval of December Minutes**

Michelle Wagland made a motion to approve the minutes and Sarah Bissinger seconded the motion.

### **Finance update** – Natasha Golding for Tracy Allardyce

- Pizza revenues have increased since opening up the allowance to add slices (new and additional orders will be open until Sunday, January 19, 2020).
- Winter Fair was a huge success raising \$19,000 - \$3000 more than anticipated.
- Cody toques will go on sale online using the School Cash Online system. The link will be posted on the Maurice Cody parent website shortly.

### **Principal & Vice Principal update** - Mr. Nigro & Ms. Helpert

- Thanks to the Winter Fair committee for a great event.
- Staffing Update
  - Ms. Helpert as new Vice-Principal.
  - Ms. Wong was transferred to another TDSB school. Sandra Correia has been hired to fill that position.
  - Ms. Cruz was a temp ECE and she is now on mat leave. She has been replaced with Sandra Casciato. This is coverage for Ms. Kinsey while she is on leave.

- The position of clerical secretary has now been posted with TDSB. Ms. Thomas currently is holding the temporary position.
  - Question- Did Ms. Connaught (Mildenberger) return to Maurice Cody?  
*She is currently working reduced hours with some students. Ms. Maldonado continues to be the current full time teacher.*
- Thanks to Farnaz/Natasha and other parents for advocating to get winter maintenance secured for this winter season. Salting and snow removal will continue on the tarmac for the 2020 winter season. The TDSB has developed criteria for winter maintenance and prioritizing schools for snow removal. Schools like Maurice Cody have a high volume of foot traffic and the tarmac area is the main entry and exit for the majority of students. The TDSB will be reviewing their policy for 2020/2021 and we hope our school will receive an anomaly exemption and we won't have to advocate every year for snow removal services.
- Wood trim around the playground has been installed. This should help alleviate the water that pools around door 7.
- Looking into getting facilities funding from the Board to update the kindergarten and main playground. We will begin to get plans in order and look at potential future fundraising initiatives to support this endeavour.
- Our hockey team did great and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. The students had a great experience and many thanks to the coaches.
- Question - How does co-ed work? *The league is co-ed but we are not sure if there were other teams in the tournament that were co-ed. Hockey is very competitive at Maurice Cody and our team is competing with older students due to our many advanced players (competing against Grade 6 at Hodgson). The team is mostly made up of grade 5 students except for 3 grade 4's. There are 3 girls on the team.*
- Work to rule – Because of the work to rule, extra-curricular activities cannot take place in the morning or after-school. Our teachers are committed to continuing extra-curricular activities, but they will be held during lunch hours. Anything outside of the school such as field trips (including hockey) is postponed.
- Mr. Nigro will send updates as more information comes.
- Question – How is before and after care affected during rotating strike?  
*Daycare will be continued as a full day. Same as a PA Day.*
- Unions will give 5 days' notice about any strike action.
- As of now there is no direction from the union in terms of strike notice.
- A rotating strike would mean different boards would strike on different days.
- Link to TDSB is on the Maurice Cody website is provided for more information

- Winter lice check is taking place Wednesday and Thursday.
- Thursday and next Monday there will be a trial of a new arrangement for student seating in the Atrium. Two new folding tables will be added to see if it alleviates the space concerns. Staff will do a practice run and then try it on Thursday.
- Explore It programs will begin next week. It was brought to our attention that the registration opened up a few minutes early. Will speak to Explore It about opening it right on time to keep it fair. We will also see how registration occurs at other schools and how long the waitlist is.
- Question – In the past teachers have said that kids got wound up from the programs, is this still an issue? *Adelia worked very hard with the staff to find programs that would be fun but educational. They have found a good balance for programming each day.*

### **Skating Party** - Michelle Wagland

- The skating party will be on Friday Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. The permit has been confirmed.
- Both rinks are rented. No hockey (or hockey sticks on ice) is allowed. Kindergarten to Grade 5 along with parents are welcome. There will be music and complimentary hot chocolate will be served.
- Helmets are mandatory for kids. Families are encouraged to bring mugs.
- Thanks to Jethro Seymour for continuing to sponsor the event.
- Walking is recommended as parking is limited.

### **Community Update** - Mike Healy

- There will be a joint ward forum on Feb. 6 at North Toronto Collegiate with Shelley Laskin's ward and our ward with Rachel Chernos Lin. There is parking on site but walking is recommended.
- For those interested in junior extended French, a meeting is scheduled Jan 16 from 7-8 p.m. See TDSB website for details.
- Parents as partners conference is on March 28 (free). Info is on TDSB website.
- Holland Bloorview did a presentation about their Capes for Kids fundraiser from March 2-8. Schools are invited to participate by having students collecting money and for funds raised of \$100 or more, they are given a Holland Bloorview cape.

- TDSB parent advisory committee meeting will be on Jan 20. Parents are invited to attend. Information provided on TDSB website.
- Hodgson Middle School renovation update – no new information, Rachel Chernos Lin expects there to be some information by the end of January.

### **Safety Committee** - Mike Healy

- Met with representatives from the city and walked along Forman to identify safety issues with each intersection. It was noted that many streets do not have lines painted at all. They indicated they will work to authorize that.
- Forman/Belsize - they can paint lines and make enhancements to make people pay more attention including moving stop signs to become more visible. Most of the suggestions should be able to be completed.
- See attached document with all the details
- Will request if they can do a walk around along Cleveland as well.
- Crossing guards – contacted the people in charge of the program to request additional crossing guards. Please Mike know if there's an issue with crossing guards being absent on a regular basis.
- Kiss & Ride – We only have 3 volunteers, but more volunteers are needed to fill 5 days. Need help for Monday & Wednesday. 8:30-8:40am.
- Sue Poritt has been organizing this since its inception but next year will be her last year so she would like to transition someone else into the role.

### **Pizza Lunch and Eco School Update** - Meghan Lockington-Minns

- Jan. 19 is the last day to order more/less pizza or add a new order.
- Eco-team is meeting Thursdays at lunch (except on pizza lunch days).
- Working to create less waste on pizza days.
- Coloured marker recycling program will start soon. If you have any old markers you can send them with your kids for the classroom.
- Working to make events more eco-friendly. I.e. Bring your own mugs to the skating party.
- Hodgson clothing swap is on Jan 22 – 8am-4pm. FSA will review to see if there's something similar we can do at Maurice Cody.

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

- Lost and Found is building up again. Everything got cleaned out and donated after the winter fair but more items are being added daily.

- Label your stuff! Remember Mabel's Labels can be ordered under the Maurice Cody name and 10% of the sale goes to back to Cody.
- Library – spoke to Ms. Hatzis, aiming for a book fair in the spring.

### **Other Business**

- FSA was able to fund Raz Kids and Ixl. Subscription will be good until December.
- Please talk to your teacher if you have questions about how to use the programs or how they are being used in the classroom.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Mike Healy and Michelle Wagland seconded the motion.

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES**

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>** -Skating Party (6-8 p.m.)

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** – FSA Meeting 9 a.m.

**Feb 14-17<sup>th</sup>** – Family Day Weekend

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Dance-a-thon

**March 16-20** - March Break