

Maurice Cody Family & School Association

Tuesday February 8 2022, 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION	ACTION, TIMELINE	MRP
1.0 FSA Business		
1.1 Meeting called to order by JC van Marle		
1.2 Meeting minutes from prior meeting approved, motioned by Vera Kan and Claudia Fernandez		
2.0 Teacher's report – John Tomasino		
2.1 Scientists in School – students learning about owls, their diet. Very engaging and grade 4 students are very absorbed. Parents may see the remnants of owls' diet including rodent bones!		
2.2 Teachers' report - Jennifer Peters		
Change from IXL To Mathletics: IXL was up for renewal. With funds needed for chromebooks purchase and a high licence fee, the teaching staff were looking for an alternative. Mathletics is normally more expensive but this year is a trial at a much reduced price. Mathletics has artificial intelligence to regenerate new questions using a very broad base of high quality questions. Live Mathletics component for competition between students. Program offers more features, and also a Canadian product.		
For parents who want to cut back on screen time, teachers also have 140 page workbooks available.		
Parents looking to purchase their own IXL private membership; try Mathletics before committing since it has many of the same features and additional ones.		
3.0 Principal's Report – Rob Hochberg		
3.1 John Thomasino's Grade 4 class is participating in a Scientists in School project over last few days. Students were highly engaged		
3.2 Rapid antigen tests are being given out when necessary. Saliva tests are also available; these are offered when students are sent home with symptoms or to confirm a positive R.A.T.		
3.3 First day of in-person school was short lunchroom supervisors. Have since been occasionally short of staff but bridged using emergency staff whether it is lunchroom supervisors, etc. so they do not have to close down special ed or rotary or other programs.		

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3.4 Kindergarten registration has begun; presently we have 100 kindergarten students, and already have 40 registrations.		
3.5 Impact of the board’s decision to change Early French Immersion intake is yet to be determined; this coming year there will be intake in JK and in SK, and next year it will be intake in JK. Not currently anticipating a significant impact in this.		
3.6 Anticipating a change to schedule or “bell times”. May shorten lunch recess by 10 min (currently 1 hour 10 min) and has an impact on lunch room supervisors who can be more available for transition time before and after recess.		
3.7 Parents with a desire to discuss student placement in next school year should begin a discussion with the homeroom teacher.	Contact your homeroom teachers for student placements in 2022-23	Parents and Guardians
3.8 School Pledge was developed by the students. All five sections of Grade 4 discussed what a pledge is, what should be included and brainstormed ideas. Each classroom created a pledge which was combined by Rob Hochberg. It is now shared with the FSA, then will be shared with the teachers, then shared with student body during period 0.	Feedback requested on pledge	Parents and Guardians
4.0 Vice-Principal’s Report – Gillian Lea		
4.1 The school has been celebrating Chinese Heritage and African Heritage Month. Displays, notice boards and announcements. Every week there is a Read Aloud on various topics; for example, this week’s topic was Viola Desmond.		
4.2 School interviews – report cards to go home the week of Feb 15. Term 1 report does not require every student to have an interview; teachers may select students and reach out to their parents.		
4.3 iPads purchased via FSA fund raising have arrived. School budget will also buy additional iPads to enable latest software to work. Chromebooks lent out during in-person learning have returned and will be placed in primary classrooms again to ensure technology is available for Grade 3 to level up to junior-level technology.		
4.4 Safety Patrol training has been paused. Staff Sargeant Keeney (Community response Unit, 42 division) is looking at a safety services presentation.		
5.0 FSA updates – Health, Safety, Traffic		
5.1 Virtual COVID Town Hall took place in the past month; thanks to the Cody parents who are also physicians, and the Maurice Cody Pandemic Safety committee. Recording available on the website.		

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5.2 RAT tests sent home with help of Grade 5's and a few parent volunteers to deconsolidate the 700 rapid tests and repackaged into kits of two tests		
5.3 Arts Express T>A.S.A.M. Program (Tackling Anxiety and Stress through Arts and Mindfulness) thanks to Rob and Gillian for arranging.		
6.0 FSA updates –Traffic report		
6.1 Survey Results from Orange Flag Program – 230 responses over 2 weeks! Broadly people would like to see the Orange Flag program resume. Other feedback included more desire for more crossing guards, modify traffic rules and ramp up enforcement; teaching kids rules of the road; COVID, environmental and other concerns.		
6.2 Crossing Guards location; would like more guards on Cleveland at Hillsdale and Soudan. Application has been submitted for more guards. Waiting to hear back from the city on Approval.		
6.3 Kiss n Ride – they have stopped the program but it may now resume. Need Parent/Guardian volunteers 8:35 am – 8:50 am prep and set-up / takedown; one volunteer to cover a week at a time.	Contact FSA to volunteer	Parents and Guardians
7.0 Finance Report – December-January (Claudia Hernandez)		
<p>7.1 Summary</p> <p>Were able to support the students by funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400+ books for enrichment in math and writing • 22 annual subscriptions for reading apps • 650 annual subscriptions of the math app • 7 subscriptions of math app for teachers • 20 voice amplifiers for teacher • Zoophony – music virtual tour for all students in all grades • 21 iPads • Tool and materials for each class <p>Revenue – \$0 – no fund raising this month</p>		
<p>7.2 Expenses – \$10,019</p> <p>Teacher's budgets, class and craft material</p> <p>Technology: 21 iPads</p>		
<p>7.3 Half-Year Report</p> <p>Total Amount raised: \$20,000</p> <p>Total Amount spent: \$31,500</p>		

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<p>Total amount already allocated for the rest of the year: \$17,800 (teachers budget, helping other schools) Carried forward to current year: \$39,180</p> <p>A very pessimistic scenario was forecast for this year and FSA elected to keep some critical items for teachers' budget. Everything planned is now allocated with a small amount for unplanned expenses – fundraising ideas are welcome, please!</p>		
8.0 – Current and Upcoming Events and Initiatives		
<p>8.1 Scholastics Book Fair – 418 books already purchased, can be shipped direct to the school with no shipping cost. Great fund raising, open 24 hours for 4 more days!</p>		
<p>8.2 February 14 - Teacher Appreciation – boxed lunch for Cody Staff from Grill Time, a local business. Asking for donations from parents and guardians by February 11; \$5, \$10, or anything you are comfortable with will make a difference. Please also fill out the Kudoboard.</p>		
<p>8.3 February 16 - Family Trivia Night 6:30-7:30 hosted by Camp Onondaga. Also Graduation Photo Day</p>		
<p>8.4 February 25 – Winter Skating Party, 6-8 pm at Hodgson Middle School, sponsored by David and Kate Young Real Estate. Need Volunteers to hand out hot chocolate, Ice Patrol, and Clean-up Crew (8-8:30).</p>		
<p>8.5 February 28 – Pizza Night; orders need to be submitted to Panago Pizza by 4 pm using code SCHOOL15 online. Last Pizza Night raised \$500.</p>		
<p>8.6 Events, Initiations, Requirements</p> <p>Looking fundraising beyond Pizza with local restaurants and Bayview BIA Surveying interest for Chess Night. Need Volunteers for Kiss-n-Ride, Winter Skating Party, Event Planners</p>		
<p>8.7 Valentine's Day – students permitted to participate; children can let their parents know they want to participate. Collection of Valentines will be put in boxes or bags and parents to elect when they can open them. Teachers to use discretion in developing Valentine's Day activities. No food to be permitted for this.</p>		
<p>Meeting was formally adjourned at 7:45 pm</p>		

Next Meeting: February 8 2021, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- END OF MINUTES -

Recorder: Vera Kan, Secretary

Note:

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