

Maurice Cody Family & School Association

Tuesday January 11 2022, 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION	ACTION, TIMELINE	MRP
1.0 FSA Business		
1.1 Meeting called to order by new chair JC van Marle		
1.2 Meeting minutes from prior meeting approved, motioned by Susan Thouin and Claudia Fernandez		
2.0 Teacher's report – Erik Lindstol		
2.1 Report on online schooling; all classes were online on Wednesday. Connectivity a greater challenge for primary versus junior classes. Teachers looking forward to seeing the children's faces; need to assess student well-being and engage students; students need to have cameras turned on not off.		
2.2 Safety measures for Monday return; Erik is organizing teachers and some will meet tomorrow to come up with new solutions to ensure safe and seamless return to in-person learning.		
3.0 Principal's Report – Rob Hochberg		
3.1 Thanks to teachers for transitioning to online learning on limited notice. Some teachers are new to school or are LTO or new to teaching / teaching online. There will be another transition to go back to in-person.		
3.2 Erik has been leading technology issues on behalf of teachers.		
3.3 School pandemic safety committee meeting; includes some members of the FSA, teachers, administration and some parents. (JC van Marle, Natasha Golding, Susan Thouin); some parent members are doctors. Government has put in a fair number of changes in announcing the reopening; TDSB is trying to determine next steps based on Ministry announcement this afternoon. Example: new screening with updated symptoms.		
3.4 Another change: isolation period, student and their families for a minimum of five days.		
3.5 Another change: masking requirements. Teachers will be diligent in ensuring children's masks fit well and if not students will be asked to wear a school-provided mask. Outdoor masking will also be required now due to difficulty of maintaining distancing.		

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3.6 Reporting requirements are also changing: TPH decision based on government no longer requiring reporting. Rob would like to maintain records but will be inaccuratedueto lack of testing numbers		
3.7 Susan Thouin’s report: Thinking of organizing a Town Hall to discuss the new guidelines and answer parents’ questions. Requesting FSA feedback.		
3.8 Question if students are sent home to isolate, how will they be taught? Answer: not yet known, an answer to that question is being worked on at the moment.		
3.9 Friday is a PA Day which teachers will be using for their Term 1 report cards. Will reflect evaluations and assessments form September to mid-January (which ends Thursday January 13). Term 2 begins Monday January 17. When students have been off on remote learning there may be some gaps in learning but there have been fewer interruptions this year (no assemblies, gatherings, performances, etc) so teachers and students have been more focused on preparing and assessing. Parent teacher conferences will be offered in February.		
3.10 For return to in-person schooling, Rob and Gillian are encouraging students to eat lunch at home if at all possible. Provides children with a natural mask break and they are not eating with mask off with 15-20 other children. Would also allow remaining students to spread out more in the classroom during lunch hour.		
4.0 Vice-Principal’s Report – Gillian Lea		
4.1 Board has asked schools to put a pause on Photo Days; next one was to have been January 25 for grad photos. Photo retake was to have been February 16		
4.2 Wellness and mental health: staff have been provided with optional check-ins versus regular staff meetings.		
4.3 Arts Express – considering hiring them to host a Children’s Week on January 25 th <i>Tackling Anxiety through the Arts and Mindfulness</i>		
4.4 TSO is being invited to deliver some Zoo-phony lessons to younger students.		
4.5 Junior teachers receiving mental first aid training, since they are often “front line” with the students.		
4.6 Gillian, Rob, library and special education support staff have been connecting with teachers to provide support online and also are invited into classrooms to create connections with the students.		
4.7 Puppet show – date TBD for students.		

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4.8 University of Toronto professor Keith Jordans invited to speak on mindfulness to support the staff as they support the students.		
5.0 FSA updates – Past Events And Volunteer Recognition		
5.1 [no update]		
6.0 FSA updates –Traffic report		
6.1 parent COVID Town-hall – tentatively planned for next Tuesday. Another Dr. Paul-like virtual session focused on dealing with anxiety.		
6.2 orange Flag – please take the survey to determine if we keep them.		
6.3 Crossing Guard locations add or reposition from merton and Balliol to Soudan and Hillsdale; application being submitted.		
6.4 Morning “kiss-n-ride” put on hold due to Wave 5; training of Grade 5’s to resume upon return to in-person school.		
7.0 Finance Report – December-January (Claudia Hernandez)		
7.1 Revenue – Two events: Pizza night: \$501.55 Total raised \$501.55, Bank balance \$37,106.61		
7.2 Expenses – \$4,443.69 Teacher’s budgets, \$400 Teacher appreciation \$198.6 School-wide Mathletics subscription \$2,825 Friday Hodgson rink use permit School-wide virtual trip Zoophony (Toronto Symphony Orchestra) \$500 Etc.		
8.0 – Current and Upcoming Events and Initiatives		
Confirmed: Maurice Cody Family Walk Challenge (kicking off this week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamboard for families to fill in places they walked by or see during the family walk Zoophony by TSO (virtual field trip) Concerned Kids		
Postponed, new dates TBD: Graduation Photo Day Skate Night		
Events ready and waiting: Chess Night Pizza Night Trivia Night Cody Cares Drive Book Fair		

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What's next: Special, simple, full of spirit. Not screen dependent. Hybrid and flexible.		
Meeting was formally adjourned at 7:28 pm		

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

- END OF MINUTES -

Recorder: Vera Kan, Secretary

Note:
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