

Maurice Cody Family & School Association

Tuesday March 8 2022, 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION	ACTION, TIMELINE	MRP
1.0 Welcome and introduction		
1.1 Meeting called to order by JC van Marle		
1.2 Meeting minutes from prior meeting approved, motioned by S. Thouin and Claudia Fernandez		
2.0 Teacher report (Sherryl Vroom, Kindergarten Position of Responsibility)		
2.1 Sheryl thanked the FSA for fund raising, which enabled school-wide purchasing totaling \$24K including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton’s Secret – Arts Express, • Zoophony from Toronto Symphony Orchestra (particularly engaging during online schooling after winter holidays) • Microphones for teachers 		
2.2 Other purchases included math resources, iPads, Scientists in the School for Grade 4; <i>Handwriting Without Tears</i> workshop; descriptions given of how teachers were able to use these resources		
3.0 FSA Update – Past Events Recaps		
3.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch on Valentine Days; led by Susan Thouin, Natasha Golding, Ashley Cranston, Claudia Fernandez, Kaylie Handler, Nicole Collacci. Thank you to all parents for their donations and to the committee for the elegant presentation.		
3.2 Skate Night on Feb 25 “it finally happened” over 100+parents, guardians and children, live music and hot chocolate. Thank you to Natasha Golding and Skate Committee, volunteers and sponsors.		
4.0 FSA Report: Traffic, Safety and Health		
4.1 Congestion on Cheston Road with morning drop-offs – reminder to parents to not stop northbound on Cleveland and to drive southbound (not northbound!) to drop off their children. 4.2 Reminders to not block residential driveways, parking in the wrong direction or block traffic.	Call for parent volunteers to participate in Kiss-n-Ride	ALL

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<p>4.3 3-point turns on Belsize have been observed; with snowbanks and decreased road widths this also creates more congestion and blocked traffic.</p> <p>4.4 Kiss-n-Ride – have 4 parent volunteers but need several more to formally bring this program back. The commitment is once a week for 25 minutes (between 8:35 am and 8:50 am) to help escort children out of the car along with setting up and collecting pylons. Email contractfsa@mauricecody.ca.</p> <p>4.5 Orange Flag Program – 230+ responses, most respondents are supportive. Will bring back this program in a limited form focusing on five high traffic intersections.</p>		
<p>5.0 Mid-Year Financial Report</p>		
<p>5.1 Budget allocations (pie chart) was shared by the Treasurer along with details of what items or resources were purchased with those allocations. Helping Other Schools contribution is 5% of all funds raised in that year; Maurice Cody is partnered with Thorncliffe Park Jr PS</p> <p>5.2 Technology Budget and School-wide Purchases budget are fully consumed; General Expenses and Supplementing Classroom categories are not fully spent yet.</p> <p>5.3 2021/22 Revenue target was \$46.4K and YTD Revenue is 31% over target at \$60.7K</p> <p>5.4 2021/22 Expense Target is \$44.9K and YTD Expense is \$35.6K (though \$18.9K is already allocated and to be spent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementing the Classroom • Helping Other Schools • Grade 5 Graduation • Bank fees and other operating expenses. <p>5.5 The remaining outgoing expenses include Spring Fair (supplemented with sponsorships) and Grade 5 grad.</p> <p>5.6 A key consideration is what the ideal carry forward bank balance to next year’s FSA; at present the projected bank balance is \$6,700.</p> <p>5.7 Fundraising goal of \$12,600 via: Lunch Lady, Virtual Pizza Night, Freezie Fridays, Movie Night, Cody Swag, Spring Fair and Mabel’s Labels.</p> <p>5.8 For remaining year, the FSA will focus on remaining events (Spring Fair, Movie Night) and investigate the return of Lunch Lady and Pizza Day. The FSA intends to spend the remaining planned budget allocations.</p>		
<p>6.0 FSA – Upcoming Events and Initiatives</p>		

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<p>6.1 Confirmed events include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Pizza Nights monthly with Panago (April, May, June, July) they must be held on Mondays now. • 6.2 Cody SWAG • Freezie Fridays • Grade 5 Graduation <p>6.2 Confirming still a spring Fair, Movie Night on Cody Turf field, and Cody cares drive.</p> <p>6.3 Spring Fair – resurrecting this event on Saturday June 11 2019. A group of veteran parents are starting the planning but it still requires many volunteers to make this happen. Activities at the Spring Fair include inflatables, Cody favourites such as bake sale and cake walk, salon and spa, music and food.</p> <p>6.4 Grade 5 grad – post graduation celebration and year books. Fund raising needed to support this; include Annual Book Sale, good morning Coffee Days), raffle for front row seats, Wine Survivor (do not send wine to school with your child; there are two addresses for drop off)</p>	<p>New Parent Volunteers to participate and learn how to run this event.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7.0 Principal Report</p>		
<p>7.1 Period Zero where everyone drops everything (no matter what class or teacher they are with) but focus on a topic that is important (often dealing with classroom community building).</p>		
<p>7.2 Trivia Night was well attended with challenging questions</p>		
<p>7.3 COVID update – since the return to in-person learning on January 17, 19 cases reported to the school; half a dozen in the last week and 2 active cases today. Rapid antigen tests and PCR tests are available (pick up is now twice a week), as well as face masks. Rob expressed a hope that cohorting requirements will soon lift.</p>		
<p>7.4 Board is offering online schooling but no opt-in, opt-out. Parents should have received an email about this. Announcements from the Ministry and/or the Board are anticipated likely before the end of March.</p>		
<p>7.5 Regarding sports, cohorting requirements and available coaches versus vaccination status are more critical to enabling intramural or sports. From Rob’s perspective, getting as many students to participate as possible (with a greater focus on intramurals) is preferable to a handful of students forming a team to play. Commitment date for forming teams is March 22 2022. Question: Can parents coach? Answer: for the time being not permitting parent coaches, but pre-pandemic a parent could volunteer to carpool students to an event. Not sure if this will be re-evaluated.</p>		

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<p>7.6 Traffic – There is a communication to be released prior to March Break, as well as including it in weekly reminders. Rob is investigating if Toronto Police might do a presentation for students. Will also start regular announcements on the PA system with safety rules for students. Rob has emailed Jaye Robinson’s office to manage left or right turns during morning drop off and afternoon pick up hours to limit traffic to southbound on Cheston. Jaye Robinson’s office has responded today to schedule a meeting likely after March Break. Comment: there is still an outstanding traffic study for additional crossing guards (at Soudan and Cleveland, Hillsdale and Cleveland) – possibility to piggy back one on the other to see if it will accelerate it?</p>		
<p>7.7 Thorncliffe Park Jr PS – Rob has been in touch with the principal of that school to provide an estimate of the Maurice Cody contribution and they will return on what their highest needs are.</p>		
<p>7.8 Pizza Lunch – Teachers are willing to get involved in pizza lunches; administration to get it from school to classrooms; teachers can then hand out the slices. Cannot do kindergarten to Grade 5 on a single day; would have to split it over two days. Need to coordinate with Pizza Lunch committee on how orders are collected. Teachers can hand out if they have names of students and how many pizza slices were ordered for each student.</p>		
<p>8.0 Vice-Principal Report</p>		
<p>8.1 Library has reopened for in-person visits and borrowing. Kinders take one book, Grades 1-4 take out two and Grade 5’s can take out 3. The library is going to begin their <i>Forest of Reading</i> program for K-5’s. This program promotes Canadian books; have hard copy books as well as access online. There are sub-programs and Maurice Cody is participating in Blue Spruce (picture books for kindergarten and primaries), Silver Birch Express (for Grade 4) and Silver Birch Standard (for Grade 5) ten books in total both fiction and non-fiction. 40 grade-5 students are volunteering as Library Helpers which has been an ongoing program since the start of school year.</p>		
<p>8.2 EcoSchools – Friday March 25 at 2 pm is Earth Hour. World Water Day for conserving water. Hope to start a series of “walk and roll Wednesdays” starting March 23 2022.</p>		
<p>8.3 Timetable Changes – the school would like to adjust to shorter lunch recess (by 15 minutes) and end the school day at 3:15 p. This has been presented to the staff – this has been approved by Transportation Services. However, this was the first step as there are other approvals that need to</p>	<p>Contact the principal at Hodgson to find out if there are any changes to their school day.</p>	<p>R. Hochberg</p>

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<p>follow. Question: what is the after school supervision? Answer: it ended at 3:45, now it will end at 3:30</p> <p>Question: What is the driver? Answer: 1 hour and 15 min is a very long lunch recess (one of the longest in the board, since many schools have 1 hour as an average and some have 40 minutes). In the winter it can be a long time for the children to be outdoors. It helps students who are going home but the majority of students are staying for lunch and the school has to keep them engaged and safe. School is reviewing the impact on lunch supervisors.</p> <p>Question: Some Hodgson students leave school at 3 to pick up younger siblings at Maurice Cody – concern if these students can arrive at 3:15 for pick-up.</p> <p>Question: when would this start? Answer: Next September; all this planning takes place now for next school year.</p>		
11.0 Other Business		
Meeting was formally adjourned at 8:02 pm		

Next Meeting: April 8 2022, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- END OF MINUTES -

Recorder: Vera Kan, Secretary

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