John Darling Public School
School Council Meeting
January 14, 2019

In Attendance: Beth Skilling, Mandy Dahmer, Sarah Barbosa, Jessie White, Danielle Vines, Holly Smith, Katie Hoedl

Regrets: Maria Olar, Brendan Purcell, Kim Schmidt

No longer on Council: Beth Moore

1. Getting Started:

A motion was made by Jessie to approve the agenda, seconded by Sarah. Motion carried. Approval of December's minutes was made by Beth and Sarah.

2. Principal/Teacher Report:

- Buddy Bench arrived. It will likely be installed in the Spring
- Due to shortage of supply teachers, the Board has cancelled all professional development for teachers until after the Family Day weekend. This means that teachers will not attend workshops and the two sessions planned with a system Math Coach have been cancelled. We are also experiencing a shortage of ECE's, EA's, and THR's.
- Jan. 25 is a PD day where teachers are working on assessments and evaluating student work so they can complete report cards for Term1. The EA's are attending central PD sessions.
- Kindergarten online registration for Sept. Has begun

3. Committees:

- Cookbook – sold a lot!
    - $700 profit to go to Jaomie school
    - Jessie will contact the school to see how best to present the donation and if their needs have changed
- Darlingfest – Cancelled
    - Only 3 responses handed in for volunteers, which is unfortunately, not enough volunteers to plan and run the event.
    - Looking at a family picnic for the end of the year
- Fundraising – no new information
    - Spring fundraiser coming
- WRAPSC – no council member was able to attend
- Giving Tree – successful
    - Not a huge need at first but then 3 families contacted Holly for support
    - Extra's were given to Queen Elizabeth and Meadowlane school's
    - This committee may end up being a year to year decision based on need
- Greening –
    - Planters done by Brendan
    - Looking at the focus of this committee to be on replacing trees that were taken down
- Chess – No Chess this year
    - Looking at alternatives like Math Bags - $40-60 per bag
    - Lego's are wanted by teachers

- Lego Vote –
    - $1,000 from Chess budget to give to Holly for the purchase of Lego's
    - Motion was made – unanimous vote by council

- Council Survey –
    - Suggested survey for parents to see what their needs/suggestions/opinions are in regard to council funds.
    - Small survey to start – ask in the small survey about a larger survey – offer incentive for those who wish to complete a larger survey (Pizza for a month)

6. Allocations:

No new allocation - $700 for cookbooks was the only amount entered

Next Meeting: February 4th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm