

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
June 10 2013**

In Attendance: Jenn Fleet, Helen Byers, Janice Mitchell, Marnie Wuensch, Heather Quiring Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Jen Hulett, Marti-Anne Hachey, Jackie Teixeira, Gillian McKenzie, Jessie White, Mandy Dahmer, Deanna Heer

Regrets: Amanda Pope, Danielle Morales, Susie Gutri, Colleen Brandes, Amy Knechtel-Shannon, Amanda Bourassa, Tanya Smith

WRAPSC Update

- Janice received 2 resources from the last meeting that are available for review:
 1. Building Parent Engagement Book
 2. Shade Audit Info Guide

Darlingfest Debrief

- Deanna reported that the staff thought it was a great success.
- We might try another pizza company next year as the pizza wasn't sliced into 8 as it was supposed to be and we had comments that it didn't taste that great.
- Gillian commented that giving the office more information and forms regarding the procedures for ticket sales for announcements, phone calls and inquiries would be helpful next year.
- Cash brought in that night was \$6300.00 (but not all costs have been paid for yet). Profits are generally \$3500-4000 each year.
- Leftover costumes were donated to the Salvation Army.
- Funds are dedicated to Access to Literacy and the Arts (including Snuggle books and Home Reading).

School Website

- Is up and running. You can give info to Gillian to post. There is a school council link.

Grants

- There was some discussion as to whether we are missing grants that we can be applying for but we think we already know about the main 2.

Fundraising Update

- We had many extra bulbs left over from the spring fundraiser that were earned as we sold them. We will offer them to the Greening Committee. Lori suggested we could donate them to House of Friendship which sponsors greening projects. Gillian suggested we could distribute them to School council members as another idea.

- Lori suggested that only about 3 people are needed for this committee and herself, Jenn Fleet and Kim Schmidt are happy to do this again. They will ask for other members to participate in counting money and distributing materials as needed.
- Fall fundraiser typically goes toward Scientist in the School, Chess and buses. We would like to see this continue.

Support for Families at Christmas

- We could plan to be more organized in advance for this going forward. Lori pointed out that there are already services on the community offering food baskets at Christmas so we might not need to duplicate these efforts.
- Discussion around organizing an Angel Tree whereby families could put in submissions for what gifts they would like help with and other families would have the opportunity to choose from these gifts needs when making their donation. Families could nominate other families in need.
- We could post the names of organizations doing food baskets in the newsletter and on the website.
- School council could set a budget for this endeavour.

2013-2014 School Council Dates

- September 16th meeting will be elections. The start time could be 6:00pm to make time for the introductions of all the members and committees. New members can take some time to decide which committee they will be on.
- Every 3rd Monday will tentatively be the meeting date pending WestHeights schedule.
- We will have a brochure for parent teacher night with the dates on it.
- For the October meeting, we will have guests who want to present their services, including: Aussie X Co – they teach football, netball and cricket. They spend 2 hours with every class. Depending on what package you buy, they leave some equipment and run an event for families. Questions we want to ask are: Does the equipment actually get used after the fact and do we want them offering items for sale that might be expensive for families.
- Roots of Empathy was another suggestion made for a program we could offer.
- A Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk is booked for October.
- September 27th – Treasure Books kick-off is booked.

School Council Committees for next year

A Health and Wellness Committee could be struck.

Other Committees can be:

Fundraising (3-4 people)

Darlingfest

WRAPSC rep

Christmas Family Support/Greening

Rink (one person job)

End of Meeting.

