

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
June 9th 2014**

In Attendance: Jen Hulett; Michelle Martin; Katie Hoedl; Heather Quiring; Jessie White; Tom Herr; Kim Schmidt; Jackie Teixeira; Lori Williams; Helen Byers; Jim LeClair; Mandy Dahmer; Jennifer Fleet; Melissa Wells-Cave; Beth Skilling
Teacher/ECE Representative: Heather Dubrick
Principal: Gillian McKenzie

Regrets: Marnie Wuensch; Rachel Coleman; Marti-Anne Hachey; Amy Knechtel-Shannon; Colleen Brandes; Tara McPherson; Amanda Bourassa

1. Getting Started

A motion was made by Heather to approve the agenda; seconded by Lori. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Michelle to approve the minutes of May 2014, seconded by Katie. Motion carried.

2. Important Dates: Council Elections (October)

Gillian reported that the first council meeting of the new school year has to be within 30 school days. She therefore proposed that we put off the first meeting until early October. Meet the teacher night is September 11th. A motion was made by Katie to hold the first school council meeting on Tuesday October 7th. Motion carried. The elections will be held at this meeting. Gillian stated that every voting member needs to be present at this first meeting in order to be a voting member. The official rule is that school council consists of 9-15 voting members. Quorum is (50% +1).

3. Selection of the Committees and Engagement events for 2014-2015.

Gillian recommended that we need to identify which days we will need to use the school as early as possible. Movie Night is scheduled for the first Friday in May (May 1st). Katie motioned that the family Health and Wellness night is held on Friday November 14th (which Chef D has already committed to). Motion carried. Gillian will try to book Drum Fit for this. Gillian reported that the Giving Tree initiative satisfied the community's need and the excess items were much appreciated by the backpack program. For next year, both programs will be identified on the same communication so that families can consider donating to either of them (or both) at the same time.

4. Budget Allocation for 2014-2015

A vote was passed to maintain the same allocation to the following: Scientists in the School, 1 bus trip per class and the chess program again next year. The other expenditures can be decided in the new school year. Mandy will send out the final Treasurer's report by the end of the year.

5. Committee Updates

Greening needs one person to coordinate with the Green Team and Heather volunteered to do it.

Fundraising – Dielman's will be the Fall fundraiser at the beginning of October. Rheo Thompson will also be another fundraiser before the Christmas season and poinsettias as well. The Spring fundraiser will be Little Caesar's kits.

Darlingfest – preliminary numbers look like we raised approx \$1000 more than last year. Feedback was that it was well organized, the weather was great and the new additions were appreciated. The photo booth was well received but they didn't clean up well and they will need to use a less sticky/messy tape. The Canadian Tire money idea was great. Tumble Bus will be booked early in order to secure it for next year. It was also recommended that there be a schedule stating what time the raffle and pie-in-the-face will be held. Next year's committee will also decide on whether tickets can be exchanged for Lucky Loonie tickets or not.

Naturalized Outdoor Learning Area - Gillian is going to schedule a presentation for our November meeting. She reported that the staff's response to the idea was lukewarm; however staff were open to coming to the presentation.

6. School Performers/Presenters

The Fall will have a drama presentation about diversity (Cinderella and the Frog Prince). The Spring will have a music presentation (either Jim Arnold, an award-winning group from an artists guild or the percussion group from this year).

7. School Council Annual report. We'll use what we've accomplished from the principal's profile for this report.

8. New School Lunch Trial Program

We will be scheduling Boston Pizza and Subway every other Thursday. The trial will start in the 1st week of October through December. We will keep the same pizza program and milk program that we have now.

9. Committee Process Binders The binders will contain what future members will need to know about the roles of the committees (eg. Timelines and contact info). The binders will be submitted by the end of the year and stored in the office with the Council guidelines.

10. WEFI Grant – summary of expenditures

11. Principal/Teacher report

Gillian reported that the Safe Welcome Program is a Ministry expectation and ours will begin on June 16th. All doors will be locked and all visitors and staff will access the school through the main door, using the intercom. The portable classroom will have an access card. You might have to wait a bit for someone to respond to your buzzer. If a child is only a few minutes late for school, they will be let in.

There was a staffing allocation error, so only 2 of the 3 kindergarten classes will have EAs next year. Two staff will be on leave of absence: Mrs Burell and Mrs. Harrison. Maria will be gone from the office for the first month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.