

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
January 12, 2015 6:30 pm.**

In Attendance: Marti-Anne Hachey, Jessie White, Katie Hoedl, Beth Skilling, Heather Dubrick, Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Heather Quiring, Mandy Dahmer, , Amy Knechtel- Shannon, Colleen Brandes, Gillian McKenzie ,Jenn Fleet, Andra Assaf and Aimee Tyrell.

I. Getting Started

A motion was made by Jessie to approve the minutes from December 1st, seconded by Beth. Motion carried.

2. Principal Report

- Gillian showed council a video titled "Value of Discourse" with Lucy West outlining how teachers' and students' are building their "thinking skills" towards different thinking and reason problem solving skills.
- She also highlighted the "Landscape of Learning " document the board uses to show the variety of strategies a student uses. A learning continuum.
- Staffing – Gillian has hired another E.A. – Mrs. Chua Lee
- We have purchased 3 more chrome books through school funds. In total the school has 77 technology devices.
- Gillian had a tough time getting a hold of someone regarding the troughs council is requesting for sand. Finally someone did return her calls, and will be in on Wednesday morning to meet with teachers and Gillian to look at property to determine locations. Gillian will report back next month with the findings.
- There was great feedback from the survey that the SCIS sent out to the school. The committee will meet at the end of the month to compile the findings and will respond to the feedback in a letter form for the school. A major focus was the path/walkways to school.
- The outdoor rink is up and running. A letter will be sent out to the community regarding the mandatory use of CSA helmets and skates. There was discussion on how to make this activity inclusive, due to the rule of helmet use. Gillian will take ideas to staff and a letter will go out by the end of the week.
- There is a P.A. day January 30 set aside for teachers for report cards and assessments.
- Report cards go home February 20.
- John Howard Society began last week providing the grade 5 and 6 cyber-bullying prevention. The response has been great from staff and students.
- French plays on the 16th of January "The 3 Mouseketeers"
- The school will be receiving new hand dyers.

3.W.R.A.P.S.C. Update

There was a evergreen presentation very similar to the one we had a J.D. Also a presentation by the Public Health Department regarding Sexual Health/Sexual Youth Strategy due to the high pregnancy rate in K.W. Next meeting will focus on Communication Strategies.

4. Committee Updates

J.D. Giving Tree

This year's giving tree was a great success. The school helped 2 families in need and helped Driftwood and Westmount Schools as well. We provided 5 backpacks and a huge box of toiletries to a local women's shelter.

Hot Lunch

At this time there was no real update to report. The lunch program did have a mix up in December, but money was refunded and the students did get a meal the day of the mix up. J.D. should receive a cheque for fundraising as soon as the trial period is over.

Health and Wellness

Katie read a letter written by the committee to get Council's feedback as to whether we should continue with said committee due to the resistance of some members when it came to funds being allocated. The committee wanted to know whether to continue and if so, what council would like to see in the future with regards to Health and Wellnes. It was determined that the committee should remain and provide separate activities for students and parents education sessions. It is the hope that both events would be well received in the future.

Fundraising

- There are about 45 Mint Smoothies left .
- Poinsettias did very well.
- Book fair is coming the 1st week in February(Monday and Tuesday) and be set up in the Daycare room.
- Will discuss use of profits at a later date.

Rink Update

- Gillian updated us in the Principal's Report

Treasurer's Report

There is almost 6000.00 in the account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting Monday February 2, 2015