

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
March 2 ,2015 6:30 pm.**

In Attendance: Marti-Anne Hachey, Jessie White, Katie Hoedl, Beth Skilling, Heather Dubrick, Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Gillian McKenzie , Amy Lee, Jackie Teixeira and Michelle Martin, Jenn Fleet, Amy Knechtel – Shannon and Andra Assaf.

I. Getting Started

A motion was made by Kim to approve the agenda, seconded by Beth. Motion carried. At the time of the meeting, there were no minutes from February to approve.

2. Principal/Teacher Report

- Sarah Knechtel and Danielle Vines made a presentation to council regarding "growth mind set" and what it looks like in their classrooms.
- Students are learning to change their brains; re-wire them.
- Teachers were finding that students were afraid to take risks/ were more passive. How do we encourage them to take risks? Teachers lead classes in "Brain activities". The brain is a sponge.
- They presented a video on "sticking with a challenge" showing us how students are learning to persevere.
- The classes have also made an anchor chart called, "the learning pit" to aid them with the language and feelings of frustrations or fear when it comes to learning.
- There is a shift at the Education Centre. We have a new superintendent, Scott Lomax. He will be visiting the school on March 26th.
- Kindie registration occurred in February and is ongoing. To date we have less JK registrants at this time than we did at the same time last year. Registration is ongoing. No official numbers yet.
- The extended day online registration site is open. You can express an interest, but do not need to commit yet.
- Mrs. Pollock took 4 students to Skills Canada, involving "Lego Maniacs." They came back with a silver.
- Principal profile is due at the end of the month. Jessie and Katie will be asking for feedback.
- Staffing update: There will be a new teacher sharing the Gr. 6 class. Jen Heuchert is reducing her hours come March 23rd.
- Term 1 report cards sent home Feb. 23rd
- Communication update: A letter was sent home from the board outlining how to go about receiving emails from the board and the school and how to have your email included on your child's(ren) data file. You have to subscribe in order to receive their communication via email.

- John Howard Society survey was done. Asked about attitudes at the end of the sessions that were provided. The feedback was very positive.
- Parent Involvement Committee is planning an all day event April 18th at Bluevale Collegiate.
- Staff wish list includes chrome books and ipads, protective covers. The purchases are moving along with council's help. A wishlist was shared with council.
- Health Curriculum Update: there is a link on the school website where key messages can be reviewed as well as myths vs. facts. Everyone is invited to read it.
- SCIS: letter went out after reviewing the feedback received in the surveys.
- M.S. read-a-thon: there was an assembly on March the 3rd. It is a two week campaign. The Friday before March break there will be room to room activities set up for the readathon.
- The book fair was a huge success.
- March break is from the 16 – 20.
- April 17th is a P.D. day.
- The school may be getting some brick repairs done in the spring or summer. The board is currently getting quotes for fixing them.

3.Council Handbook

There is a 19 page rough draft document outlining each sub committee on Council and what each committee is responsible for and some ideas as to what each committee needs. There still are some questions surrounding the document, which Katie will send out for everyone to look over and offer feedback. It was brought up that there may need to be an appendix at the end of some committees with regards to a budget if said committee needs one. The intention is that this appendix could be removed, or updated yearly as things do change. Time will be set aside at the next meeting to have a thorough discussion regarding the handbook.

Voting Process

The voting process was discussed because it was felt that we have veered away from the formal process of voting. Motions and seconds are needed when there needs to be discussions on topics and then after discussions, (especially when money is involved) there will be a vote.

Boston Pizza Night

There was a response of 8 yes from teachers who would be willing to help out on the nights of our Boston pizza fundraiser. There seemed to be a confusion regarding the dates, so Katie is going to go back and confirm. The vote was passed by majority that we did want to go ahead with this endeavour.

Fundraising Update

Little Ceasars' Pizza Kits order forms are set to go home March 25 and the campaign runs until April 8th. There is an online ordering system too. Delivery will be the 20th of April from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. The committee is thinking that they would like to come up with a "fun event" for the school with the proceeds. They are currently brainstorming ideas related to the curriculum.

Book Fair

This year's book fair was very successful. The school was able to purchase between \$2100 – \$2200 worth of books for classrooms. The committee is looking at perhaps doing 2 next year.

Health and Wellness

The committee presented a pamphlet for the event they are hosting on March the 27th. . It is going to be a John Howard Society presentation for parents and a board games night for students. There is a potential conflict for the date. Therefore, the committee will review the date and let council know if they are staying with the date or trying for an alternative

Rink Update

No update to report.

Darlingfest

This year's Darlingfest is the first Thursday in June (4). The committee has booked the tumble bus, Ray's Reptile Zoo, a photo booth and face painters. Over 70 donation letters have been sent out. We will be going with pizza again this year and be collecting Canadian Tire money again.

Hot Lunch Program

No update to report.

Greening

No update to report. Gillian will work with Heather for the guidelines and budget for the Council Handbook.

Treasurer's Report

Will update at next meeting. School council will reimburse the school for the walkie talkies that we committed to funding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

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Next meeting Monday April 13, 2015