

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
February 9 ,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, Gillian McKenzie , Aimee Tyrell, Amy Lee, Jackie Teixeira and Michelle Martin.

I. Getting Started

A motion was made by Heather to approve the minutes from January 12, seconded by Jackie. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Lori, seconded by Jackie.

2. Principal/Teacher Report

- Amy Lee and Heather Dubrick shared a video pertaining to "Growth Mindset." They shared that this is a tough concept for Kindergartens to grasp. The video provided the students with a way of understanding growth mindset with the language they can relate to . "Not yet." This phrase allows them to have something to work towards and understand when they are presented with a skill they have not mastered or frustration. "I can't do that.....YET"
- Staff is looking at what is learning? Are students being pushed out of their comfort zone? Are they taking risks? Is it getting the right answer or is it the process?
- SCHOOL DAY online payment system for fees for trips etc. is being considered. Marion is willing to go to a training session. Approval of permission forms could be done on this site too.
- Gillian took a moment to thank everyone for their hard work and support for the outdoor rink. It was another successful year. The issue/need for "skating aids" to help the younger students was raised. There is an issue regarding storage. This will be taken to staff to see how they feel about the situation.
- John Darling will be participating in the M.S. readathon this year. It is in the planning stages. It is this spring's charity.
- The school is holding a "potato blitz" in support of the house of friendship. It runs until Friday the 13th.

3.Council Handbook

An idea was presented that Council should have a handbook for each sub-committee within Council as a way of "keeping track" of ideas and as a guideline. This would also eliminate some back and forth emails within Council. It would provide a way of giving new members and idea of what each sub – committee consisted. A motion was made by Michelle to spend 75 – 100 dollars on flowers in the event of an immediate family members death, seconded by Lori.

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

Mandy missed January's meeting, but updated us on the evening's events. A speaker named Dr. Donna Kotsopoulos presented the "Top 10 ways to succeed in Math." Mandy is willing to forward this information to anyone who would like it. Tend to focus on reading and math. There is on meeting for February.

Fundraising

Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits will be going out before Easter. March 25 – April 18. The delivery and pick up date is April 20th. Do we need to do 2 campaigns at a time? The committee will take this into consideration. Perhaps join poinsettias and chocolates together? They are investigating new ideas for next year.

Health and Wellness

Nothing to report. Looking into speakers for next event.

Outdoor Rink

Nothing to report. Great comments and feedback this year again. Lots of classes enjoying it.

Hot Lunch

Received a cheque for \$157.75 from ESN. Sales getting stronger. Subs the most popular.

Book fair

Up and running. Volunteer list is full. Thanks.

Greening

Got in touch with Matt with regards to troughs. Looking at March for him to come back. Left plans with him, but do need advice for best locations. Mock-ups will cost accordingly. Going to be less than we had anticipated.

Darlingfest

Chips have been donated. Tumblebus booked. First meeting is next week, will update at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Chess has been paid
- Scientists in the school has been paid
- Walkie Talkies are still outstanding

Teacher's Wishlist

- **School council requested that the staff develop a wish list of needs for council to support with fundraising funds**
- **\$4000 was allocated to meet these needs**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting Monday March 2, 2015