

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
May, 4 2015 6:30 pm.**

In Attendance: Marti-Anne Hachey, Jessie White, Katie Hoedl, Beth Skilling, Heather Dubrick, Kim Schmidt, Gillian McKenzie, Amy Lee, Jackie Teixeira and Jenn Fleet, Amy Knechtel – Shannon and Mandy Dahmer and Heather Quiring.

I. Getting Started

A motion was made by Jenn to approve the agenda, seconded by Kim. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the minutes from April's meeting by Katie, seconded by Jessie. Motion was passed.

2. Principal/Teacher Report

- John Darling school is a very caring community. The funds raised from the MS readathon was \$2323.85.
- 32 kids and parents participate in the Mud Puppy Race held to raise funds for Kidsability. Over \$1000.00 was raised and the school won a pizza party!
- Wish list: Chrome books were paid for with school funds, charging trays, and power bars. \$2854.00 was spent School council will purchase 4 more chrome books. Wireless keyboards were bought too.
- The school organization looks like this for next year: 3 kindergarten sections.(same as this past year) a gr. 1, gr 1/ 2, gr 2, gr 3, gr 3/ 4 , gr 4 , gr 5, gr 5/6 and a gr 6.
- May 29 is a P.A. day for teachers to work on assessments and reporting.
- Staffing update - Sandye Moores is retiring. She has been at J.D. for 26 years.
- Spring Photo day is May the 6th.
- Report cards come out June 22nd.
- School Initiative – Schools need to be using the on-line "School Day" system by September 2016. We are encouraged to "go slowly" and to get as many parents registered with the new online system. More information about the benefits of this web based communication system will follow in Septemeber. The school will begin implementation in September.
- NED Show's yo-yo presentation is booked for November. "Our school-wide character education program centers around a 45 minute assembly called The NED Show. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best."
- Kindergarten Information night is May the 5th
- J.D. will be having their own PANAM games on June 23rd.
- Firehouse visit is on May 14th.
- Mad Science is on- going. Feedback has been great. Kids have enjoyed it very much. Nice to be able to have it in the daycare room.
- EQAO testing will be from May 25th – June 5th.

- For details on the teacher strike check the school's website for information under "Labour Update."

3. Staff Appreciation Lunch

It was decided that council would like to provide a lunch to show our appreciation for all the staff at J.D. Council decided to allow the committee to come up with a date and send an email for people to sign up if they would like to distribute something to the lunch.

4. Committee Updates

Fundraising

Ideas are being looked into for next year. A survey will be going out to parents to get feedback as to having 1 or 2 and possible ideas for later campaigns. "Hands on Exotics" will be at the school May 19th this being provided from the Little Ceasar's Pizza Campaign.

Health and Wellness

The event held featuring the speaker from John Howard Society was a big success. There were approximately 30 to 40 families in attendance. The feedback was all very positive. The games room was very busy as well. 32 kids attended.

Darlingfest

Planning is well underway. ESQ is coming adding a design/building element to their event. Flyers will go home this week outlining the event too. Please sign up for volunteering as there is always a need. **Boston Pizza** nights were a very successful event. \$500.00 was raised from the 2 nights. John Darling is very fortunate to have such giving teachers. They gave of their free time to help run this event. This is such a great community building event. Thanks to everyone involved!!!

Movie Night

Movie night is on May 8th. Popcorn will be delivered on Thursday. The movie is Penguins of Madagascar.

Rink Update.

Tim Horton's gift cards went out to all the volunteers.

Hot Lunch

No update to report.

Greening

Committee is meeting with Matt Nemus on May 6th.

5. Treasurer's Report

Money for the rink was paid out. Mandy recommends reviewing budget allocations in June's meeting to be prepared for September. Please get your receipts in as soon as possible to help with having accurate numbers to work with.

6. June Meeting

It was discussed to move the June Meeting to the 8th instead of the 1st, to allow council to help with candy kebob making for Darlingfest, and to have the meeting after Darlingfest to discuss this event as well. June 8th is confirmed.

7. Guide Book Discussions

Council reviewed Committee Sections, Voting Members versus Non – Voting Members, Specific Procedures, Retiring/Leaving Teachers, (what to give as gifts) Common Courtesy Rules, Responsibility of Council Members, Code of Ethics and Agenda Format.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Next meeting: Monday, June 8, 2015 @ 6:30pm – Location TBA