

**John Darling Public School  
School Council Minutes  
June 8, 2015 6:30 pm.**

**In Attendance:** Katie Hoedl, Jessie White, Amy Lee, Amy Knechtel- Shannon, Gillian McKenzie, Jackie Teixeira, Mandy Dahmer, Lori Williams, Jenn Fleet, Kim Schmidt, Beth Skilling, Andra Assaf, Heather Quiring

**1. Getting Started (6:30pm)**

A **motion** was made by Katie to approve the agenda, seconded by Jackie. **Motion carried.**

A **motion** was made by Katie to approve the minutes from May 2015 meeting, seconded by Heather Q. **Motion carried.**

**2. Principal/Teacher Report**

- **Dress code – discussed** spaghetti straps – (i.e consider sundresses for little ones)
- Inappropriate comments on t-shirts would be requested to be changed
- Issue #1 Older kids is wearing hats in the school, blocks faces and eye contact
- Issue #2 footwear – sandals and flip-flops are not safe for running or climbing, especially at recess
- Darlingfest – bravo to the committee, feedback was really complimentary from people. Evening went very smooth
- Marion – suggests ticket sales for pizza, people just wanted to buy drinks separately – drink station
- Prizes are left over – Wednesday Darlingfest committee will organize the darlingfest room
- Feedback on increased # of tickets required for each activity. Some felt it was a little too much. Darlingfest committee shared rationale for changes.
- Brickwork repair over the summer, assessment completed
- Motion sensitive lights put in around the school
- Sand troughs – will be put in on June 9
- Safe schools committee met and recommendations : our requests
  - 1<sup>st</sup> request : Path from city pathway from parking lot to the school playground, this was denied due to maintenance issues
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> request : fencing the parking lot, safety concern on little ones walking in the parking lot, denied due to snow dumping in the winter time
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> request : extended day program will continue
  - Youth development program will only run after school – gr. 3-6 ( provided by Conestoga college)
- Wishlist update – allocated money spent. Final purchase was 4 chrome books

- Current inventory of digital devices in school: 34 chrome, 71 iPads and 20 iPad minis (purchase through school and school council)
- Enrollment update – on average a registration a week for kindergarten ( 64 kindies)
- Encourage new families to enroll as soon as possible
- Emergency drills have been completed for school year, three fire drills over the spring
- Children did a great job , outside within 2 min and 4 seconds
- September go home package – mostly online,
- Parents who have subscribed for email notifications will get one whenever updates are on the school website
- Labor action and report cards – in a holding pattern and waiting to hear on the plan for report cards – addressed provincially and the school boards
- Report cards are scheduled to go out on the 22, however due work to rule there is no update as of yet
  
- **School initiative**
  - Nutrition for learning – nonprofit org mandate is to provide nutritious snacks for in school
  - It requires volunteer support, and need consistent volunteers
  - Similar to the breakfast program
  - The program is different and varies across the schools
  - The program won't work well without volunteer support
  - Its paid by the nutrition for learning grant
  - Council in favor of the idea, need more info
  - Track day Wednesday
  - Candy kebob sales and profits will go to the food bank
  - Area track and field on June 18
  - Playday June 23 – committee will provide funds for snacks
  - Gr. 6 Grad on June 19
  - John Howard society – JD participated in a research project and provided feedback, now the John Howard Society will be supporting additional schools in the coming year and we may not be able to access this program in the Fall. We will explore other options just in case.
  - The Ned Show booked for November
  - T-shirt run this year – to be done every 2 years – Gillian will investigate
  - School council election invitation for September meeting

### 3. 2015/2016 Budget / Account allocations

- Approximately \$16,000 available (\*\**Darlingfest expenditures still pending*)

#### Allocations:

Activities	FY 15/16 Allocations
Darlingfest	\$4000
Scientists in the school	\$3500
Chess	\$3500
Buses	\$1000
Greening initiative	\$500
Home reading	\$547.77
ART	\$377.20 +fundraising
Health and wellness	\$476.03
KINDERGARTEN OUTDOOR	
Rink	\$0
Photocopies	\$100
Miscellaneous	\$2800

- So far allocated \$13050 (of anticipated balance)

Gillian suggests that we should be open to new opportunities and activities rather than being fixed to the same activities

- Celebrate JD's 2014/15 School Initiatives Fundraising – almost \$5000 for charity (Terry Fox, MS Read A-thon, Mud Puppy Run)

A **motion** was made by Katie to approve the allocations. All vote in favor. **Motion carried.**

#### 4. Committee Updates:

**Fundraising – survey sent out for feedback, information will be shared electronically**

- Lori will step down from fundraising
- Kim, Jen and Heather will be on committee

**Health & Wellness-** hoping for grant

**DarlingFest – profit approx. \$ 4543 (*\*some expenditures still outstanding*)**

- Ran out of the snow cones
- On past history and demand was the reason why ticket cost went up
- Cake walk – some issues in past
- Recommend requiring an ingredient list ( add it to the cake walk form)
- Candy kebob sales, this year didn't do well – it has always been cash
- Feedback from staff and parents was that it was great
- Committee will review ticket allocation piece to honor the original intent of the event being a community fun fair first and then fundraiser second

**Movie night – went well**

Foodbank cheque to be deposited

Leftover popcorn – 3 boxes, Grade 6 can sell it

**Hot Lunch Program**

- ENSN will discontinue Hot Lunch program due to low sales
- Committee will look at different vendors to find other options
- Discussed having 1 Hot meal per month – its more of a treat

**Staff appreciation lunch**

- next Tuesday

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- looking for more receipts
- Year-end report will come out next week

**Ideas for gifts for retiring teachers**

- Greening committee to provide flowers \$ 10 -\$20 by June 24
- A **motion** was made by Katie to approve the the use of greening funds for retiring teacher gift. All vote in favor. **Motion carried.**
- 1 person retiring

**6. Other**

- School council year-end report to be completed by co-chairs
- Guidebook to be discussed in September
- If returning to council you are required to still fill out the Nomination form .

**Proposed Meeting Schedule (2015 – 2016): \*1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month**

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**Adjourn Meeting (8:30pm)**