

John Darling Public School

School Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2015 6:30pm

- **In attendance:**

Darlene Shantz, Mandy Dahmer, Tara McPherson

Heather Quiring, Aimee Tyrrell, Jennifer Fleet, Marti-Anne Hachey

Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Katherine Pacheco, Jackie Teixeira

Helen Byers, Beth Skilling

Michelle Martin (non-voting), Amy Lee (teacher), Gillian McKenzie
(principal)

Regrets: Jessie White

Getting Started (6:30 pm)

A **motion** was made by Kim to approve agenda, seconded by Heather. Motion Carried.

A **motion** was made by Jackie to approve the minutes, seconded by Kim. Motion Carried.

2. Council Elections

Voted on additional members being added if there is room in numbers (20)

Introductions

Council elections

Co-Chairs - Katie & Mandy - all in favour

Treasurer - Mandy - all in favour

Secretary - Aimee Tyrrell & Marty Anne (Co-Chair) - all in favour

3. Principal/Teacher Report

System video shared by Gillian

A reminder to individuals about student learning, helping kids to explore, learning collaboration, and embracing the possibilities of who these young people are going to be as they grow up.

Updated 2015 board improvement plan on school boards website. Encourages us in all that we do to plan, act, assess how things are going, reflect and plan again. Target areas for school: collaboration and mathematics. Focus on math improvements. Use BIPSA for school improvement plan.

Technology (ie. Ipads) as a tool, not a toy. Technology is not to replace something but rather a tool for students to access information in another way. Use these tools to create means students are thinking. All apps downloaded onto these devices are selected by a team to decide if appropriate for school iPads. These devices are also a tool for teachers in helping to know what a child is thinking.

As of today, there are 263 students (on par with last year) attending John Darling Public School

Reduce paper - more parent resources on website

Pizza Provider - changes to price plan. Currently sourcing another pizza provider. Pizza on hold until further notice.

Staffing Update: There will be no more newsletters. Updates can be found on the school website and school day website. Mrs Pletz (A10) has returned from

maternity leave, Mrs Hubick (Special Education), Mrs Sayer (Gr. 3/4), Miss Amy Lee (Dev. Ed), Mrs Chua Lee (EA) and Mrs. O'Neill (EA)

Brickwork around the school has been completed.

Youth development program - students 3-6 after school, hoping to grow group.

Extended day Program is continuing for kindergarten to grade 2 students.

SchoolDay - Excellent opening results (approximately 56% families registered)
Kindergarten families need to be encouraged to register.

Terry Fox Run (September 30) There will be posters and information on the website, a bucket for toonies to be donated, as well as a school event which will include 30 minutes of running or walking on that day.

Boomerang Lunches: At the next council meeting more information will be given.
Message: Students have done well with environmental efforts throughout the school. John Darling received silver in 2013 and gold in 2014. JD has reduced recycling and garbage. The Green Team is a team of eager kids cleaning up recycling bins. Would be nice to broaden their experience by adding other aspects. Boomerang adds concept of recycling using the green bin. Links what learning at school to home.

Physical education & health curriculum is available online to read. Highly recommended that parents take a moment to read through the information.

Ryans Law - addressing students who suffer from asthma, carrying medication on them

New superintendent Peter Rubenschuh

Approved for \$900 for Parent Reaching Out Grant

Oct. 19 federal elections site. There were no issues last year, no concerns going forward.

Phase 3 of job action - restrictions as to what teachers can do

4. Committee Selection/Designation

Overview of all committees and corresponding roles and responsibilities

5. Meeting Dates for 2015/2016

As of right now, the schedule is as follows (First Monday of every month): Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6

6. Committee updates

Fundraising - N/A

health & wellness -N/A

JD Giving Tree -N/A

Darlingfest - N/A

Hot Lunch - Subway Ira Needles, happy to offer once a month Subway program

Greening - N.A

7. Council Bulletin Board Ideas

Currently looking for ideas for bulletin board

8.Treasurer's Report

Money has been allocated

Gillian to reference with teachers and get back to council regarding a play or Musical Mozart play

Adjourn Meeting 8:13pm

Next Meeting: Monday October 5, 2015 6:30pm