

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

In Attendance: Marti-Anne Hachey, Jessie White, Katie Hoedl, Beth Skilling, Tara McPherson, Kim Schmidt, Gillian McKenzie, Amy Lee, Jackie Teixeira and Jenn Fleet, Michelle Martin, Aimee Tyrrell, Darlene Shantz, Lori Williams, and Mandy Dahmer and Heather Quiring.

I. Getting Started

A motion was made by Heather to approve the agenda, seconded by Lori. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the minutes from October's meeting by Beth, seconded by Katie. Motion was passed.

2. Principal/Teacher Report

- Teachers have reached a tentative agreement.
- Secretaries and Custodians still have not.
- Staffing Update: Deanna Heer has returned from Maternity Leave. Jan Hubick will be job sharing, as Mrs. Heer has come back to a reduced schedule.
- 80% of the school has adopted the School Day system. First pizza day is tomorrow.
- Question was raised "How do we block the next pizza sign up?" Do we do Dec. – March or just December or month to month or term to term. It was decided that we would do month to month and re-visit later. Kindies will be added in January.
- Looking into Duffle Bag theatre for February. The cost would be \$400.00
- Looking into a music performance in April.
- Rink boards will be going up in early Nov. The city does this.
- The Terry Fox run raised \$500.00.
- Lockdown drill was a success.
- Tornado drill was a success as well.
- Nov. 11 at 9:50 will be the Remembrance Day Assembly
- December 8 Kindie Vision Screening
- November 24 Chess begins
- November 13 P.D. Day
- Parent Resources are available in the library for parents to sign out under their child's name. Do we want to augment these resources at a later date?
- No labour update from Secretaries.
- Severe weather update sheet was handed out, outlining the *revised* procedures.
- There is supervision outside in the morning starting at 8:35. There has been some concern of students being at school when there is no supervision, making it unsafe. Parents will need to adjust the departure for and with their children. There is **no staff** on supervision duty inside or outside the school before 8:35am.

- Gillian shared a video entitled "Learning for All", which will be shared in the up coming meetings as well. The belief is that every child can learn and achieve a high standard for their abilities.

3. Guidebook Completion

Some emails were submitted to Mandy and Katie with regard to the committees. Katie will distribute those to the rightful committees. There was a question regarding tie – breaking with regards to voting. The ministry tie-breaking process was shared.

Hot Lunch update: Deferred

Spirit Wear update: Deferred.

Budget Agenda page: Mandy and Katie are going to look into what that should look like.

"2015 Committee Reports": it has been decided to leave it up to each committee to add these at the end of the year, like an appendix.

Director's Town Hall Meeting

Mandy, Katie and Gillian will be going to a meeting for chairs and principals, where they will be receiving an updated School Council Guide Book from the school board which will be reviewed after they receive it.

4. Team Building

A team building activity was done where each person wrote 2 things about themselves that others had to guess who they belonged to.

5. WRAPSC Meeting Update: Oct. 6, 2015

- Co-Chairs report:
 - Nov. 12, 19, 26th PIC/WRAPSC to host Director's Town Hall. John Bryant
- Grants – WRAPSC \$12,000 PIC \$15,000 (using for the April event)
- Communication- School Councils should use website to communicate with parents.
- Facebook Question – School Councils can NOT have a Facebook page. If there is a Facebook page using a school name, Principal **needs** to be an administrator on the page.
- Public Health Guest speaker – Alcohol use among youth.

Presentation: The Revised Health & Physical Education Curriculum (H&PEC)

Ministry of Education vision & goals of the H&PEC:

The revised health and physical education curriculum is based on the vision that the knowledge and skills students acquire in the program will benefit them throughout their lives and enable them to thrive in an ever-changing world by helping them develop physical and health literacy as well as the comprehension, capacity, and commitment they will need to lead healthy, active lives and promote healthy, active living.

The Ministry of Education recognizes a partnership with parents:

Parents are the primary educators of their children with respect to learning about values, appropriate behaviour, and ethnocultural, spiritual, and personal beliefs and traditions, and they are their children's first role models. It is therefore important for schools and parents to work together to ensure that home and school provide a mutually supportive framework for young people's education.

Making Accommodations

See WRDSB Procedure 1230: Faith & Religious Accommodations

Please share this information with parents; it can help to alleviate concerns

Any time there are questions or concerns about any curriculum, the first conversation should be with the teacher. If further dialogue is needed, talk with the principal.

Trustee Kathi Smith advised that there are several trustees on board who are willing to have difficult conversations with parents to help them understand the curriculum/changes etc.

Please be reminded that the reality is that the majority of the curriculum has not changed! Parent resources on the new curriculum can be found at:

WRDSB Communication regarding the Revised H&PE Curriculum:

6. Committee Updates

There was discussion surrounding the purpose of the committees updating council. Is this the time for council to give feedback and question the committees, or is the committees' right to decide amongst themselves and then report back to council. If a person has a question for the committee and if it is possible, they could direct their question via email. The committee would discuss the questions and have autonomy. The committees would share their findings with council and report back to council with answers to questions if need be.

Fundraising

Poinsettias and Rheo Thompson smoothies are a go this year. The committee will get together to discuss further options for the year and bring them back to council.

Health and Wellness

The committee do one event this school year on February 5th.

J.D. Giving Tree

A letter has been sent out and donations are coming in. Heather will be putting up the tree after the 15th of November. A couple of families have responded to the need and anything above our needs will go to other schools and the back pack program.

Darlingfest

Nothing to update.

7.Treasurer's Report

No update to report.

8.Council Bulletin Board

Beth, Amy, Katie and Mandy will be looking after this board. It will have pictures of up coming and previous events to keep our families well informed.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 45