

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
Monday, December 7th, 2015 6:30pm**

In attendance: Beth Skilling, Kathryn Pettitt, Kim Schmidt, Jenn Fleet, Heather Quiring, Tara McPherson, Lori Williams, Beth Moore (non-voting) Jessie White, Aimee Tyrrell, Heather Dubrick, Mandy Dahmer, Katie Hoedl, Andra Assaf, Gillian McKenzie

1. Getting Started (6:30 pm)

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

A **motion** was made by Heather to approve the minutes from September seconded by Lori. Motion Carried.

2. Voting Member Election

Motion was made by Katie to add Andra as a voting member. All in favour.

3. Principal/Teacher Report

- 88% of families are currently signed up with school day
- Krista Bailey to begin teaching grades 3/4 - starting Monday (covering mat leave)
- Skating rink boards are up. Once cooler weather comes, the ice making will begin. Reminder regarding CSA approved helmets, fitted skates and appropriate attire (gloves, snow/slush pants). Grades 1-6.
- Pizza - Orders will begin monthly. Kindergarten students will be able to order pizza starting in January (once per month)
- PALS Program: Mr Heer has volunteered to lead this program. PALS is a physical activity program that trains and supports student leaders (grades 4, 5 & 6) in fun play ground activities. Students will organize equipment and run the program outside on break.
- STEAM Program: Skills, Tools for Emotion Awareness and Management program. STEAM is provided by the school board in cooperation with KW Counselling. Mrs. Heer has volunteered as the teacher contact. It is a 12 week program focusing on emotion and body awareness and learning to identify when your emotions are going up and how to help bring them down, in a social setting.
- Mrs Pollocks and Mr Siegfrieds classes are running a food drive. They are asking for non-perishable food items from those coming to the concert on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Lost & Found: Items will be put on tables this week for classes to come and reclaim lost items.
- Mr Siegfried has volunteered to coordinate grades 4, 5 & 6 Chicopee Ski Hil Field Trip booked for February 9th, 2016. Parent volunteers will be needed. At this moment, number of volunteers required is uncertain.
- Labour Update: All education labour groups have come to tentative agreements with the Ministry. They continue to negotiate the local portion of their agreements.
- Parent Engagement Speaker: JD has been approached regarding participating in an event with George Couros speaking about how technology can be used to support student achievement. Council has asked for more information (ie. Date and financial commitment) before proceeding.

4. WRAPSC Update

- WRAPSC has offered to promote any events that may be coming up by posting on their website and on the events page.
- Next PIC Event - April 16, 2016 (always looking for Volunteers)
- During the labour action, would parents have been able to offer more extracurricular support? The WRDSB policy states that parents are not able to for liability reasons, but this will be re-evaluated at an upcoming meeting. Parents are allowed to work alongside a teacher/staff member, not in place of.
- Next Meeting: January 12, 2016 at 7:00pm.

5. Town Hall Follow Up

Have not received the minutes from November's meeting. Will be forwarding once received.

6. Team Building

Last month's Question: Does all of council need to see emails directed to a committee?

- a. Overwhelming NO to that answer. If something is important, please state in the email that you would like it brought up at the next meeting. Each committee is responsible for its own communications. Trust committee members to do good and consult entire council as needed.

December's Question: Committee membership. What are your thoughts about the number of committees one can sit on? Results will be shared in January's meeting.

7. Committee Updates:

Fundraising:

- Poinsettias and Rheo Thompson Chocolate orders are complete. Raised just under \$1800 profit.
- Spring Fundraiser: At the moment no spring fundraiser is scheduled. The community will be surveyed for feedback and interest since we did not have our annual Fall Fundraiser.
- Council members brainstormed a few potential fundraising options including Teachers camping outside, artistic postcard style Christmas cards created by JD students, Nudge Fudge and a Science Fair.

Health & Wellness

N/A - Meeting next week to finalize things.

JD Giving Tree

Received plenty of donations and almost everything on the wish lists plus extra to donate to another neighbouring school.

Darlingfest

Will meet in January and have updates for February,

Rink

Boards are up. Waiting on Weather. Volunteers are arranged. There is space for more.

Hot Lunch

Lunchbox Orders is a local company which requires no minimums and there is no contract. Restaurant options include: Subway, Mr. Sub, Swiss Chalet, Pita Pit, Mambellas, Stone Crock. Everything is PPM approved. All orders would be due by Sunday each week. The school can pick and choose which items to offer. Able to choose intervals as to how often we order. Orders will come labelled and sorted for each class/child. Revisit in January - will send out a survey via paper (or survey monkey link via *school-day*).

Boston Pizza

Will look into interest for a May event. Teachers interest will be assessed in the New Year.

8. Guide Book Completion

No email responses regarding any issues. Handbook is now considered complete. Will add budgets at end of year from each committee and add in.

• 9. Treasurers Report

- Parent involvement grant received
- Fundraising - Saving profits for busses, scientists etc.
- Funds will be allocated in the budget report soon.
- Bus trip from last year that wasn't given so we are reimbursing \$124.03 for trips last year.
- Chess just started.

Proposed Meeting Schedule (2015 – 2016):

January 11th, 2016

February 1st, 2016

March 7th, 2016

April 4th, 2016

May 2nd, 2016

June 6th, 2016

Adjourn Meeting (7:55pm)