

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
January 11, 2016 6:30 pm.**

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

I. Getting Started

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

2. Principal/Teacher Report

- It was a relaxed return back to school after the Christmas break.
- Laura Sayer had a baby boy on the 19th of December. Congratulations!
- Mike has returned to work. Welcome back, you were missed!
- Upon return after the Christmas break, mini assemblies were held to revisit winter safety, review boundaries and outdoor expectations. ie. Sledding on the hill.
- In the upcoming weeks, there will be booster sessions for students to review the "Tools for Life" program, to aid students in solving problems and how to be supportive to their peers.
- Looking into Bullying Prevention booster sessions with Jamie from KW counselling.
- Our resource officer stopped in. He will try to do some booster sessions as well with students
- Intramurals have started up again, beginning with the Juniors.
- P.A.L.S. program is running. This is a group of students who lead other students in co operative games outside during nutrition breaks. Thanks to Mr. Heer for spear heading this.
- January 13th - Comic Book Art for grades 5 and 6
- January 20th - Author visit
- February 9th - Ski trip grades 4, 5, and 6
- January 29th - P.D. Day Teacher Assessment and Evaluations
- February 8th - 12th - Kindergarten Registration.
- Gillian showed council another part to the Learning for All video series. It highlighted Success Criteria, and Learning Goals. After the video, we toured a couple of classrooms to see elements in practice in the classroom.
- A letter will be sent out, outlining the WEFI (Waterloo Education Foundation Inc) and how they will match donations for the Syrian Refugees up to\$ 20 000.00>
- Our library is currently going through their collections to bring everything up to current standards.

3.Sandhills Event

We will not be financially supporting this event, as there was an underwhelming response to it.

4.WRAPSC Nov. Update

Katie will email out the minutes.

5.Team Building

The question posed last month was, "How many committees can a person be on and why?" The overwhelming response was that if a person wants to be on more than one and can commit the time needed, then they can. It was also said, that if a person should not feel obligated to be on more than one. There also shouldn't be a limit placed on the number of committees one could chair. Sometimes circumstances arise that a person may need to chair more than one. (they may have the contacts, previous experience for example.) Council is thankful that we have so many giving people to be on the committees. The question for this month was "How can we insure issues don't get derailed or take up too much time during meetings? Should there be a time limit?" It was also brought up, that if anyone has a question they feel could benefit from this forum to let either Katie or Mandy know.

6.Committe Updates

Fundraising

No updates at this point. We will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart in the spring.

Health and Wellness

The next event will be February the 5th. There will be a "Human Library" in the library, where families will be able to access information from several local agencies. There will be a make your own soup station, and are looking into having some sort of rhythm/fit group in. A save the date card will be going out this week. As well council's help will be needed to run the event. An email will be sent out later for sign up.

Darlingfest

Not much to update. Meetings will start soon. A couple of prizes have come in already.

Rink Report

Rink has been started without the tarp. We currently have 5 of the needed 7 flooders.

7 .Treasurer's Report

Cheque went out for chocolates, bus trip was paid out from last year.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 45

