

**John Darling Public School
School Council Minutes
May 2, 2016. 6:30 pm.**

In Attendance: Jessie White, Marti-Anne Hachey, Beth Skilling, Katie Hoedl, Mandy Dahmer, Darlene Shantz, Heather Quiring, Jenn Fleet, Andra Assaf and Gillian McKenzie.

I. Getting Started

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

2. Presentation – Paul Field from Artshine

- Presented programs they offer for JK – grade 6 students.
- Artshine uses its profits to offer art camps spaces to underprivileged kids, do programs in shelters, prisons and U- turn.
- The company has 50 instructors.
- Programs can be done after school or at nutrition breaks. Each program has 2 levels. One for primary and one for junior.
- The cost could range from \$11.00 - \$15.00/ child for an hour long session.
- They would love to help out with our proposed Art Show to be held late next year. Willing to mentor.
- Council then discussed the idea of bringing in the program. There were some questions around the cost, and to see if perhaps there could be a sibling discount. Council did feel like it was something to look into in the new year.

3. Presentation - Mrs. Wigmore – School Greening

Mrs. Wigmore co-chairs the school's eco program. Boomerang lunches are going well. A survey was done to see how many students used recyclable drink containers. 90% of the students were using them. Great job! John Darling students are wanting to do more for the environment! Next objective is to look outside the school. Make the school yard a nicer place to be. Have the playground become somewhere where parents and students can sit and talk. Mrs. Wigmore asked for council's support on these initiatives. They are wanting to plant native species of plants and flowers each year. Mrs. Pletz and her class will be doing the front gardens after the 24th of May in honour of the school's volunteers. Mrs. Wigmore would like for the greening committee to meet with her at the beginning of the year to plan what initiatives they want to pursue for the year.

4. Principal/Teacher Report

- The school had a presentation to kick off the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. The campaign will run the last 2 weeks of May, with the event happening on the 27th of May.

- Mrs. Vines has started a skipping club every Friday.
- Around 20 runners from JD participated in this year's Mudpuppy Chase and raised almost \$1400.00 for Kidsability.
- The home reading room had a good cleanout thanks to Jackie and Heather. The cleaned out books were given to students who were very happy to receive them. Gillian spent \$500.00 to fill in the gaps where books were needed.
- Dress code was reviewed. No changes were necessary.
- Application for Parent Reaching Out grant has been submitted
- June 3rd is a P.D. day for assessment and recording for teachers.
- Kindergarten Information night is May 3rd.
- P.A.L.S. program has been a great success. Was comprised of a group of eager and enthusiastic students. The volunteers ran cooperative games for primary students. Thanks to Mr. Heer for all his work with this effort.
- Nod to the Olympics will be held June 28th.
- Spring Photos will be held May 3rd.
- Emergency Drills – 3 fire drills left to have until the end of the year.
- June 27th Report Cards go home.
- S.C.I.S. survey due May 13th
- E.Q.A.O. dates – May 25th - 31st - grade 6 ; June 1st - 8th grade 3.
- Upcoming school year's organization: 2 JK/SK classes, Grade 1, Grade 1 /2, Grade 2/3, Grade 2/3, Grade 3/4. Grade 4/5, Grade 5/6, Grade 6, Dev. Ed.
- Gillian presented a TED talk video on education reform regarding learning and connections and their importance.
- Sarah Knetchel 2 weeks away from maternity. Christina Toth has been hired to replace her. Welcome Christina!

5.Principal Profile

Input will be emailed out to everyone.

6.Committe Updates

Fundraising

Jenn gave us a presentation on "Good Food Boxes." It is a program from which you order farm fresh produce. It is thought to be used as the fall fundraiser in time for Thanksgiving. This initiative would need a lot of man power, that is one issue that was raised. The gym would have to be off limits for the day due to having to sort the produce into orders. Order forms would have to go out the 2nd week of school.

Darlingfest

Preparations are well under way. One big change this year is to try to streamline the currency for the event. Instead of having money change hands in separate locations for different items, the committee is looking to have one standard ticket. The amount of tickets you would need

depends upon where you want to use them. Canadian Tire Money campaign will run from May 16th - 31st. A sign up sheet for volunteers was passed out. If you can help, let Beth know.

Movie Night

This year's movie is "Peanuts." Popcorn is ordered. First bag will be free, the next bags will be \$1.00. There will be a collection for the food bank as well.

7. Treasurer's Report

Will be emailed out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.