

**John Darling Public School  
School Council Meeting**

**Monday October 26th, 2020**

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**In Attendance:** Danielle Vines, Holly Smith, Cassandra Muhlbock, Elizabeth Skilling, Sarah Brown, Jessie White, Katie Hoedl and Sophie Zivku

**Regrets:** Jen Antonowicz,

**Getting Started:**

Holly provided insight on the current size of the student body, 154 students. Approximately 17 students are being homeschooled and roughly 26 percent are enrolled in distance learning. JD is one of the smaller schools in the community with seven classes. Holly expects there will be more changes come February, when parents are allowed to switch modes of learning again.

**Council Nominations:** Holly reviewed the available positions and voting took place. The following positions were confirmed:

- Sarah Brown re-elected as Treasurer
- Sophie Zivku elected as Secretary
- Katie Hoedl and Jessie White re-elected as Co-chairs. Note: This will be Katie and Jess' last year. It was encouraged that some members shadow this year. Council will confirm those who will shadow at the next council meeting as a few were not able to join this evening.
- WRAPSC: Beth Skilling will attend the first WRAPSC meeting. First meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 3rd, 2020.

**Schedule of Meetings:**

Future meeting dates were proposed and tentatively agreed on for the next three meetings:

- Monday November 23rd, 2020
- Monday February 8th, 2020
- Monday April 19th, 2020

**Committees:**

Katie raised the motion advising that there will be no committees this year, aside from WRAPSC. All council activities will be a collaborative effort due to COVID.

**Council in the time of COVID:**

Co-chairs, Katie and Jessie provided an update on the plans for council during the 2020/2021 school year.

Their update is as follows:

- Katie advised that due to COVID and the financial strain already in place, this year is not the year to fundraise.
- There are funds saved from last year which Katie proposed we use to give back to the school community. Ideas include a webinar for parents. We will vote on what this will look like at the next council meeting. Following the vote we will send communication via School Day to advise parents of council plans for the 2020/2021 school year.
- Jessie advised that while this year is going to be different from other years, we are fortunate to have funds and to not have to ask parents to give this year.
- Katie also proposed that we seek out insight from teachers/parents on what may be needed or important to support the school and families this year.
- Jessie raised that we need to be inclusive and include families whose children are at home (distance learning) in our efforts this year.

**New Member Introduction:**

Sophie Zivku introduced herself as a new member.

**Financial Request:**

Sarah requested hard copies of financials. Holly to hand off through one of Sarah's kids.

**Next Meeting: November 23rd, 2020**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:54 PM**