

John Darling School Council

January 10th 2023

In Attendance:

Sandra Himann, Danielle Vines, Cassandra Muhlbock, Holly Fuhr, Shannon McDaid, Jennifer Shantz, Meaghan Pitcher, Michal Sinai, Hailey Balwin, Sarah Brown, Laurie Davidson

Introductions:

- Approval for previous minutes approved by Laurie Davidson, and second by Shannon McDaid
- Approval for tonight's meeting by Shannon McDaid and second by Jennifer Shantz

Principal Report:

- Sandra JD's new interim principal provided an introduction to get to know her.
- Teacher update- Provided by Danielle Vines
- It is wonderful to have a regular start to the new year!
- The concert was very well attended, and despite some Wifi issues, was a success.
- Food Bank fundraiser - Raised \$780 and 20 boxes of food
- Kotex maxi pads are now available in a number of locations around the school. Their availability normalizes and equalizes menstrual well-being
- Pizza days are underway. The school wide pizza day for Term 1 will be rescheduled due to the snow day
- Staff said goodbye to Vicki Beaudin and Liz Arbuckle and welcomed Sandra Himann and Christine Shea.
- Ms. Himann is the acting principal.
- Mrs. Shea will be teaching music and FDK planning coverage.
- The choir will be performing O'Canada at the Ranger game Friday Jan 13.

Scholastic Update:

- There is no expiry on the School Funds, because of this they no longer have double the points.
- Shipment of the book fair items/ books Feb 10th
- Book fair will be in the library from Feb 13th to 15th

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- Jen has all of the advertising materials
- Scholastic Committee:
 - Jen, Meaghan, Shannon, Michal, Holly, Sarah and Laurie
- Jen will initiate a separate planning meeting and chat for the scholastic committee

Krispy Kreme:

- Holly provided an update, this would need to be planned well in advance as their packages sell out fast.
- We would need to arrange pick up of the donuts from the closest location
- Our cost would be \$6.00 a dozen, they suggest selling them for \$12 - \$15 per dozen – Min order 50 Dozen
- This item has been tabled until the 2023- 2024 school year

Cyber Awareness Speaker:

- There was a majority vote to pursue looking into a speaker further.
- Cassandra presented the details for the speaker Paul Davis
- He would present in person at a school, Grades 4-8 and Parents in 3 separate sessions for a total cost of \$1550+HST
- Sandra will connect with the Principals at Meadow Lane, Driftwood and West Heights to see if they would be interested in splitting the cost. Sandra will share back information to the committee.
- We can attempt to get the PRO Grant which is \$500.00, we would need to fill out and submit the forms. Sandra was confident that if we position it correctly from social awareness on the web point of view that would help.
- Committee:
 - Cassandra, Meaghan, Jen

FlipGive:

- Cassandra and Holly shared details about FlipGive

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- There was a majority vote to look into this further, Holly has volunteered to look into this further

Cobbs's Bread:

- It was discussed that this would be an easy way to raise funds
- There as a majority vote to look into this further, and Laurie has volunteer to look into this to see if it is still in place
- This was tabled for the 2023-2024 school year, if it is not still in place.

Treasure Report:

- Poinsettias raised \$541.28
- Current balance \$13665.93
- It was confirmed that the pizza money goes into the school funds and not the council funds.

Darling Fest:

- Items discussed:
- Safety/ Liability
- Expanding the volunteer pool
- Reaching out to Forest Heights to offer High school students the opportunity to volunteer for their volunteer hours
- All students must be with parents or over 18 year old family member
- Daniel is happy to answer any questions, but will not be part of the committee
- Committee:
 - Meaghan, Laurie, Sarah, Shannon, holly, Michal, Jen, Cassandra
- Cassandra will initiate a separate planning meeting and chat

Last minute remarks

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PJ day will be rescheduled to January 19th

Meeting Adjured at 7:36pm