

## John Darling Parent Council Meeting Minutes March 6, 2023

### In Attendance:

Cassandra Muhlbock  
Holly Fuhr  
Sarah Brown  
Shannon McDaid  
Laurie Davidson  
Veronica Qubrossi  
Jen Antonowicz  
Michal Sinai  
Hailey Baldwin  
Meaghan Pitcher  
Danielle Vines  
Carole Ann Fleming

### Principal's Report:

Introduction of Liz Hambleton - Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  teacher

Introduction of Carole Ann - previous experience, tenure at John Darling (March - June)

Thank you for the work that was done on the Book Fair, thoughtful and supportive, efficiently run.

EQAO Information - Grade 3 and 6 Provincial Testing - dates are May 10th to June 14th 2023

There is a webinar for parents on March 28th and again in April. The webinar is 45 minutes long and is followed by a question and answer session.

[www.evenbrite.ca/e/451955981507](http://www.evenbrite.ca/e/451955981507)

Future Meetings: Virtual/In-person and Day of the Week - April will be virtual, May will be in-person

Requested by Council to eliminate meeting invitations issued by previous administrators as three invitations are confusing

### Danielle Vines' Report:

This month we said goodbye to Sandra, and hello to Carole Ann. We also welcomed Liz Hambleton in the LTO for A4, gr 3/4.

To celebrate black history month, students listened to daily black brilliance announcements. The character focus for February was kindness. We kicked off the month with a kindness assembly, where the Leadership club introduced us to the school-wide Kindness activities- kindness grams and a kindness chain in the hallways.

Students enjoyed watching the chain grow each week!

The book fair was a tremendous success, and teachers really appreciated the free books for their classroom libraries. We have also tucked away some books to use for prizes for the Readathon in April.

Finally, at our most recent staff meeting we participated in some equity training, where staff explored ways to incorporate more culturally responsive pedagogy in our teaching.

#### Scholastic Book Fair Update

The total sales amount was \$4442.89 for the in person and online book fair for February 2023. Each classroom was given \$100 each from the rewards bonus points. The current rewards bonus points total is \$1,830.32 for John Darling Public School.

#### Reintroduction of Darlingfest

- 1 group looking into food, volunteers and entertainment.
- 1 group looking into games/prizes
- Ideas will be presented at April Meeting
- Food ideas will meet current board guidelines

#### Speaker taker

- Cyber Speaker will not be happening
- parent council should start thinking about speakers regarding inclusion to utilize grant

#### In Person Meeting

- Majority voted to hold in person meeting May 1st at 630pm in library

#### Flags Missing in Gym

The flags have been taken from the gym. Carole will look into at whose cost (board or council) it would be to replace the flags.

#### Can we get Freestanding Ball Hoop Replaced on Primary Side?

- Carole will look into possibility at next health and safety meeting

#### Other Equipment Council wants to look into for purchase:

- re-graveling pathway to benches
- amplifiers in classrooms
- Gaga Ballpit (done by facilities, Carole to get cost of putting it in)

#### Treasurer's Report:

Account has approximately \$13,665.93