

In Attendance: Cassandra Muhlbock, Shannon Hoy, Meaghan Pitcher, Jen Antonowicz, Holly Fuhr, Michal Sinai; Nancy Barbosa, Sophie Zivku, Danielle Vines, Carol Ann Fleming

With Regrets: Upasna Mukhija

Getting Started:

- Cassandra began the meeting with a motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting – Agenda approved.
- Cassandra proposed motion to approve minutes from September's meeting – Minutes approved.

Principal's Report:

- PD Day Activities: focus on literacy and early reading strategies. The changes in the Language curriculum are putting more of a focus on phonemic awareness, letters and sound recognition. This will have an impact on defining reading levels, home reading and how supports are allocated.
- Student photographs - impressed with the quality. Retake Day is October 18th.
- Take Me Outside Week is October 16th - 20th. Wednesday October 18th is the day that we will all spend time outdoors learning. Each day has its own theme.
- Pizza Days are returning beginning on October 20th.
- Staff Meeting feedback about events and calendar - see handout
- Remembrance Day Assembly is November 10th
- Vote to move November's JD School Council meeting to the 14th, all voted to move the meeting date.

Initiatives

Fundraising Initiatives:

- General comment from Cassandra: Anyone volunteering during school time or at an event that involves kids with direct to parent contact must get a vulnerable sector check.
- These are valid for one year. Home reading is included in this, if the program runs this year.
- Volunteers can request a letter from Sonya for a letter to reduce the fee and there is a link to the police volunteer sector check as well she can provide.

Herrles Fundraiser:

- Big thanks to Meaghan and Shannon for coming in and organizing everything. Holly and Cassandra helped to hand them out. JD will most likely not do this fundraiser again.
- We sold 52 boxes, but the delivery costs ended up being more than anticipated (added taxes on the delivery quote). If we had the option, we would have picked up as we didn't sell as many as we anticipated. We had to agree to delivery prior to orders. We also didn't have the pumpkin vouchers this year.
- Profit for this fundraiser was \$150.30

Movie Night:

- Will require a staff sponsor

- When talking about dates, proposed May, but that is Jump Rope for Heart (Danielle is lead on that). Will be hard to find a teacher sponsor for May.
- Suggestion to host the movie night indoors in April.
- Meaghan will look into the fees for screen rental.
- Carol Ann will look for the movie list (licensed movies) the WRDSB can use.
- Potential to do a Kernels fundraiser.
- Suggested to host the movie night after Darlingfest, but that will be a long night for volunteers.

Holiday Market

- Will require a staff sponsors and many volunteers in order to run this event both for handout, wrapping and organizing the items beforehand.
- This will be a one day event. Families will donate items that they are wanting to get rid of for the holiday market, The event will happen during school hours. Students can go pick their items list price at \$1.00 or \$2.00 and the money raised will go to the school.
- Event can feature a wrapping station and add mom/dad tags etc.
- Cassandra asked what would be a reasonable time for each class to have a turn (there are 9 classes). It was suggested that older students can help the younger students, but a concern was raised that it would impede education (curriculum). Because of the changes in curriculum there is not as much time now to have students helping in other areas.
- It was suggested that items can be stored in the boys locker room.
- Question was raised about where to host this. Gym would impede class activities, library will affect the programs there. There are currently no empty classrooms.
- Cassandra suggested we investigate this a bit and reassess at the next meeting.
- Concern about timing as the JD concert will be scheduled for December as well.
- It is TBD who will take the lead on looking into a few things for this event.

Rheo Thompson:

- Will need to drive to Stratford for a pickup. We get the mint smoothies for \$2 and usually charge from \$3.00 to \$5.00.
- Thought to host this one near Easter (end of March), but perhaps for inclusivity, pick a different time frame? Valentine's Day was suggested?
- Cassandra is looking into what the minimum order is and if we can host it anytime.
- Danielle suggested doing both chocolate and Poinsettias for the holiday fundraiser.

Poinsettias

- Jen is lead on this fundraiser and put a motion forward to vote today on pricing and pick up date to ensure the JD community can be notified to order the flowers in time for the holidays.
- There is a 100 plant minimum to qualify for free shipping. Jen will confirm the cost for delivery.
- Recommends having the fundraiser run on school day for one week. Keep in mind that November 13th is a PD Day.
- Orders need to be in by Saturday November 18th.
- Need to make it clear that the size being ordered is base (circumference of the pot).
- Pricing for the plants are below. Prices have increased. Want to keep the pricing the same or as close to last year for this fundraiser:
 - 4.5 inch: \$5.08 JD Pricing: \$8
 - 6 inch: \$8.19 JD Pricing: \$12
 - 8 inch: \$18.08 JD Pricing: \$24
 - 10 inch: \$ 24.8 JD Pricing: \$32
- Proposed pickup date: Thursday December 7th.

- Proposed order dates:: November 6-15 for order placement.
- Motion put forward to vote on size and date. All in favor. Motion approved.

Darlingfest

- Agreed that everyone on the school council will volunteer and help plan Darlingfest.
- We will also contact the volunteer list early on for support.
- Start planning in the New Year (June 6th is the tentative date).
- Cassandra will start putting things together based on what we did last year.
- Darlingfest is usually a separate meeting so we can keep on track with SC items.
- May 31st is a PD Day.
- Darlingfest was created in memory of John Darlin's birthday (which is in June).
- There were concerns raised over how other schools host their spring carnivals. A few had things in place that went against WRDSB protocol. This was addressed at the last WRAPSC meeting. The board representative didn't have a response at the time.

Other Items

Tree planting near the Kindergarten area to create more shade

- WRDSB has no plans to plant this year
- Could look into this ourselves.
- Sophie will reach out to Reep Green Solutions to see if they provide support to schools.
- We will also need to have custodial staff involved and admin on site. Sophie will coordinate communication with Sonya and Cassandra once it is confirmed that Reep can support our request.

How to communicate about fundraising:

- SC had a bit of a brainstorm session around how we can better communicate fundraisers?
- Suggested flyers, but there is paper waste.
- Students do write these events in their planner, but parents need to read them.
- If this can be incorporated into a classroom activity may create some excitement around them.
- There is also a council bulletin board where we can put announcements. Agreed to use the council board more often.

Teacher's Report

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Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: \$12,957.22 (not including Herrles) or the field trip funds \$5 field trips.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday November 14 @ 6:30 PM (In person with a virtual option)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 PM