

**John Darling School Council Meeting
February 13, 2024 – 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)**

In attendance: Michael Sinai Avrahami, Meaghan Plant Pitcher, Carole Ann Flemming, Jen Antonowicz, Shannon Hoy McDaid, Holly Fuhr, Cassandra Muhlbock, Danielle Vines, Upasna Mukhija

Regrets: Laurie Davison

1. Getting Started (6:30pm)

Approval of February agenda and January meeting minutes: Meaghan and Jen motioned. Approved.

2. Principal/Teacher Report(s)

- Bingo: Commitment of 4 hrs per assignment, 2-3 volunteers are required. KW Gaming Centre, Bingo is an easy task, it's all planned for you and you make good money at the event.
- The idea of hosting a Literacy Night did not materialize. The staff member planning to organize this has become involved in another language based activity for Junior students.
- We have a new Facility Supervisor who has told us that we won't need to wait until Spring to have an assessment of the current structures to determine if they are still viable and costs to repair.
- NOTE: An inspection was completed on Thursday and we have a quote to repair the swings and the creative structures.
- Teacher's Report: Movie night information was shared with a few staff and the selection of the most appropriate movie was screened down to three.
- We will investigate the source for the Drake stuffies and report back. We do not need them for this year.
- We have scheduled June 6th for Darlingfest with the Facilities Department and 10 tables have been ordered. We also have a few additional tables here. "Save the Date" notices will be sent out after March Break

3. Initiatives

Parent Involvement Fund:

- As noted above, Shannon no longer wants to do a literacy night. Person who spoke to us at a PD session in November (York board) could lead a session on teaching children how to read. Carole Ann will get a hold of the speaker to see about potential dates.

Playground:

- Carole Ann contacted Conestogo School and the facility supervisor told her it cost about \$65K for their playground. Haven't received a report back just yet.
- Holly suggested the Home Hardware can provide support in terms of mulch or wood chips, but the board will not allow us to put wood chips down.
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- Jen: Doesn't look like swings are an option anymore, but there may be some other solutions.

Movie Night:

- Shortlist: *Migration*, *Elemental*, *Super Mario Bros*. Council put forward a motion to vote on the movie at the next council meeting.
- Members will look at reviews and Common Sense Media to ensure the movie selected is appropriate for all audiences.

- Shannon asked if the price changes based on the movie? Cassandra thinks it is based on the number of people, but will confirm details.
- It was asked: How soon do we need to approve a movie to book it?
- Council will confirm the movie in March and promote afterwards.
- Kernels update: Kernels is not getting back to us and may not be the best option. Meagan and Shannon are looking at bags of chips for the movie night. Meagan asked if there are limitations to what we can sell at a movie night? Carole Ann noted snacks to be peanut free. Costco has cookies, pringle containers, popcorners, Ms Vickies, lollipops, veggie snacks, bad monkey popcorn (variety packs). Prices range from 0.40 cents to 0.75. Cassandra sees this as a better idea to explore.
- Carole Ann suggests no lollipops and to stay away from sticky snacks.
- Tentative date for movie night: sometime in April

Scholastic:

- Last year, net sales were \$4,133.34
- Day 2 this year we are at \$4,200 so far.
- One more day left to raise more funds.
- Book fair credits: We currently have \$1403.15 for teachers to spend, expiry date has been put back on credits. JD will need to use \$300 this year, the rest expires next year in March.
- Meaghan will let everyone know what each teacher can spend.

Spring Fundraiser:

- Rheo Thompson: Did we decide on a date for the chocolates? Do we want to aim for Easter? On hold until we confirm dates for other fundraisers (Bingo)
- Mcmillans: Shannon confirmed they do offer weekday deliveries. Products are frozen so people need to go to the school and pick them up the same day as delivery. JD will need to sell at least 100 items for free delivery. Profit anything up to 249 items 30% profit, \$250 to \$749 is 35 percent profit and anything over \$750 is 40% profit. Need to book delivery before you start your campaign. Meaghan asked if McMillans was local, Shannon said she thinks it is based in Hamilton. Cassandra suggested targeting the 2024-2025 school year for freezer space and cold weather (pickup).
- Motion to do McMillans Dec 2024. Motion passed.
- Mable's Labels: Sophie, simply set it up and can leave it open. Sophie will look into email sign up and confirm what we need to move forward by next meeting.
- Domino's vouchers: Sophie: 1 large 3 topping pizza voucher for \$15 (Highland Road location). JD gets \$9 back per voucher. People have one month to use the coupon. Sophie will go back and ask for more details about their 50 percent giveback coupon option for schools.

New Drake Stuffies:

- Carole Ann will contact the catholic school that Cassandra forwarded to her to see where they ordered their stuffies.
- Carole Ann will investigate further on company and cost.

Darling fest:

- June 6th confirmed date.
- Booking tables from FHCI again, Carole Ann will investigate the number of tables we ordered last year. We ordered 6 but there weren't enough tables.
- Danielle suggested we create a folder to include notes on ordering items and contacts so it's all on file.
- Carole Ann has booked the gym for June 7th, JD usually books the whole school out for that date.

Raffle Tickets (Jen and Cassandra):

- 2 free to each child. Teachers will be given an envelope. Students during the school day get to put 2-3 tickets to whatever raffle they want. If students can't go after school they can still participate in the event.
- Suggested basket list (teacher's like to vote with the kids on basket themes). A lot of last minute contributions to the baskets. Price point for tickets (Sonya shared there was a lot of paper used as we did 2 tickets for \$1). Sophie suggested using ticket rolls in place of one we need to write our names out on.
- Carole Ann suggested using a microphone to announce things. Want to be inclusive so everyone who wants to buy a ticket can win a basket even if they need to leave the event early. Microphone is a good idea regardless of what ticket method we utilize. Danielle suggested using Staples to print tickets (as a gift option).
- Danielle worked with Principle Giebe for an outdoor sound system. It's a portable unit that can be used for DF.

Food Group (Holly and Micahel):

- Holly is going to approach Superstore to get donations for water bottles and juice. Going to see about going to Walmart and Sobeys as well. Holly heard about an ice cream truck that gives a big part back to the school and will investigate further.

Games and Prizes (Shannon and Suna):

- The team hasn't looked into this quite yet.
- Shannon suggests we have an agreed upon budget.
- Asks: Are all the games free this year or paid? How many prizes would we need? Do we have a budget range we want to spend on these things? Fidget toys, slap bracelets etc. as prizing options. Budget from last year \$150 for prizes etc.
- Parachute game (supervised), can't do a bouncy castle, guessing jars etc. Budget for games (included in the fees for the magician/face painting)

Misc Entertainment: (Laurie and Meaghan):

- Will look into face painting, photo booth, princess, magic guy, talent show etc.

Comms: Sophie and Holly:

- They will create a comms plan and save the date details for after March break.
- Sonya has shared last year's communication folder via Google Drive. Will draw on that for a starting point.
- Minimal budget this year so will do most things in grey scale.

Volunteers:

- Carole Ann has a few people who are interested (strong start etc).
- April meeting target date for JD final details. Sophie suggested high school students as extra support: Concern with vetting hours for students to support and how to pick them for the event.
- School council parents have older children who'd like to help. Teachers could help hand out food and we could look for older students to run the games.
- Motion to have Sophie look further into getting some volunteers for the JD fair. Motion approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Total of \$13,704.15

Adjourn Meeting:

- 8:00 PM

Future Meetings:

March 19th 2024
April 9th 2024
May 14th 2024
June 11th 2024