

John Darling Public School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday January 14th, 2023

In Attendance: Cassandra Muhlbock,, Meaghan Pitcher, Jen Antonowicz, Holly Fuhr, Michal Sinai: Sophie Zivku, Danielle Vines, Carol Ann Fleming, Upasna Mukhija and Shannon Hoy

With Regrets: Laurie

Getting Started:

- Cassandra began the meeting with a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting – Approved
- Cassandra proposed a motion to approve minutes from the November meeting – Approved

Principal's Report:

- Kindie registration is now open. If anyone knows someone who is looking to register their child, please contact JD's main office.
- Friday January 19th is a PD Day
- Assessment and Evaluation being sent via school day.
- Heating problems week of January 15th: School repaired the problem early in the week, another one came up and support is on its way.
- Actively hiring for a teacher resignation in December. This process is ongoing.

Parent Involvement Grant:

- \$500 has been put into a special line account.
- Hoping to host a parent literacy night at JD.
- Update on this one: Looking to confirm who presented before? Shannon Smith was going to look into this to see about speaker options. Was not brought up at JD Staff Meeting.
- Carol Ann will ask again and circle back with council

Playground Update:

- No update until the spring for an evaluation as the superintendent has changed at the board.
- Carol Ann will pass along the playground company name that Conestogo used to Cassandra

Movie Night Information:

- Meagan never heard back from the screen rental person. Wanting to know if we should follow up on it or leave it? If we plan an indoor movie, don't need to rent a screen.
- Cassandra investigated the movie list and fees. A few options include, Little Mermaid, Elemental, Spider Man Across the Spider Verse, Super Mario Bros, Bad Guys, Lyle Lyle Crocodile, Strange World, and Puss in Boots. After much discussion, Carol Ann will review the list to ensure titles are

in line with WRDSB/school policies. A short list will be provided to the council to vote on at the next council meeting.

- Movie will be in the evening for a family friendly event sometime in April.
- Meaghan and Shannon to investigate Kernels popcorn for pricing and options.

Scholastic

- Meaghan is leading the book fair: Book fair is confirmed for week of Feb 12-16.
- Requested extra bits and bobbles as they sell well at JD.
- Need to confirm where it will be hosted, perhaps the library.
- Require volunteers to support this event.
- Jen to provide the timing from last year so we can copy those details over in our communication.
- For volunteers: People who volunteer during nutrition break must have their police check. People who volunteer after school will not need their check as it's after school hours.
- Meaghan to email the librarian to request the space.
- Cassandra will provide the sign up list for book fair volunteers.
- Valentines Day will be a busy school day, may want to consider different timing for that day.
- SC to try and fill spots for volunteering.
- Do we want to host in person for three or four days? Online sales are also included in this.
- Jen recommended it is better to have it run in person for shorter as people will be more motivated to attend.
- Tues, Wed, Thurs proposed timing?
- Meaghan will confirm dates and let us know the final details for when and where.

Fundraising Initiatives:

Update on Rheo Thompson and Poinsettia Earnings:

- Total for Rheo: \$554.96
- Poinsettia: \$468.32

Misc Fundraising Ideas:

- Spring Rheo Thompson or Spring Flower drive are possible options.
- Sophie to investigate Dominos for pizza vouchers and Maeble's Labels as they are easy to run and don't require much volunteer support.
- Welcome to Kindergarten night (late June) – put info about ML in the info packet for that as well. Would be good to add something from council into that kindie info night.
- Carol Ann: Noted that we want to be mindful of fundraising support and to choose options that are minimal work for a little bit. Sonya can't support until after Feb 12 (report cards).
- Holly can possibly sell Rheo chocolates in her salon. Carol Ann will investigate what may be required for donations to the playground by the community.
- Motion to do Rheo Thompson again – Approved.
- Dominos and McMillans details for Feb meeting or maybe for next year as a fundraiser

New Drake Stuffie order:

- Shannon counted them all and we used them for welcome to kindie night – just over 60 when we used them. Had 20 or so kindies. Shannon will recount them next time we are in.
- Cassandra had shared a catholic school contact who has an identical one that is in the area. Can go back to see what the plan was there.

Darlingfest:

- Subcommittees have been created with support from two council members per area of need.
- Each group gathers information and will make a plan to communicate at our next council meeting.
- Donation requests for food and snacks from local businesses.
- Comms: Last year's communication is saved in drive, raffle, food etc. – reach out to Sonya, thank you letter around donations or follow up email
- Proposed date of Thursday June 6th (John Darling's birthday).

Tree planting near the Kindergarten area to create more shade:

- City of Kitchener did not approve school use of Reep tree planting program. Directed to [SWR](#) or [Tree Canada](#) to support planting trees.
- Sophie will follow up with both for next meeting.

Teacher's Report:

- Report cards are coming out in February.
- Holiday concert was a success!
- Food drive was also amazing.
- Primary teams k-grade 3 universal screener program – not fully fleshed out, four classes are trying it out.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: \$14,069.51
- Plus the \$500 Parent Involvement Grant

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 13th at 6:30 via Google Meet

Meeting Adjourned:

7:31 PM