

John Darling Public School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday April 9th, 2024

In Attendance: Cassandra Muhlbock, Joanna Bogdanski, Jen Antonowicz, Michal Sinai, Sophie Zivku, Danielle Vines, Carole Ann Fleming and Shannon Hoy

With Regrets: Laurie Davidson, Holly Fuhr, Meaghan Pitcher

Getting Started:

- Cassandra began the meeting with an update that Upsani had to step down from council due to personal matters.
- Cassandra put forward motion to vote in Joanna Bogdanski - Approved
- Cassandra motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting – Jen Approved

Principal's Report:

- Staffing process has begun for next year (collecting student numbers and defining teaching assignments).
- EQAO dates are being established and will be communicated over the next few weeks.
- Welcome to Westheights student and parent information sessions have been established (May 23rd and May 30th).
- Physical Education and Sexual Health information will be coming home over the next few weeks explaining what topics will be discussed in this unit at each grade level.
- PD Day April: ETFO ownership, teachers will be working on literacy/numeracy instruction strategies.
- Playground update: The cost for repairing swings is \$3,340.69 and the school funds would pay \$12747.19 (board will cover the rest). The WRDSB will look after mulch and upgrade the sand area. This could be an option in the interim, but the swings are the ones in the middle, which have less and there is confusion about who can and cannot use the accessible swing.
- WTK Information Session is June 13th at 4:30-5:30. Council will pull together some options for take home (Drake stuffy, Mabel's Label's communication etc.).
- Movie Night: Danielle and I will both be in attendance. We are requesting that pop/juice is not provided or served. Gym mats should not be used but families can bring in blankets.
- Danielle and Jen suggested installing a Gaga Ball Pit while we wait on play structures in the interim? Not as costly and there may be grants we can apply for to cover some fees. Carole Ann will get a quote for the Gaga Ball Pit.
- Jen will investigate Pro Grant to support replacing the multi hoop replacement in the junior section. Replacement coverage lapsed during COVID so JD will need to pay for it ourselves.

Teacher's Report:

- Scholastic: Teachers have ordered their books/supplies with the funding needing to be spent.
- Alice in Wonderland Play for literacy: Mrs. White and Mrs. Smith are putting on a school wide performance of Alice in Wonderland. Students in grades 1-6 are participating in rehearsals.
- May 17th Jump Rope for Heart: Kids are encouraged to sign up, raise funds and learn about heart health. First 50 to sign up will get a skipping rope.

Parent Involvement Grant:

- Not discussed.

Movie Night Information:

- Recommended we not use gym mats. They can get dirty and there aren't enough for every family (not equitable). Recommend families bring blankets, yoga mats or camp chairs (clean).
- Movie will be Super Mario Brothers
- Food: chips, chocolate bars and candy. Council will sell snacks for profit and all proceeds will go towards JD Playground Fund. Will purchase food at either Wholesale Club or Costco, whichever is cheaper).
- Tentative Item breakdown by cost: Chips 42 for \$20, Chocolate bars 14 for \$16, Mega Lollies 60 for \$29.99, Air Heads 60 for \$11.49.
- Cassandra will bring a float.
- Cassandra will also bring the movie.
- Set up "tuck shop" in the back corner of the gym. Families can buy throughout the movie or until sold out.
- Any leftover food will be sold at Darlinfest.

Misc Fundraising Ideas:

- Spring Rheo Thompson or Spring Flower drive are possible options: Council voted to not move forward on these items.
- Maebel's Labels: Council voted yes to signing up for giveback. Sophie will set everything up and communication will go out in late May to parents.
- Domino's Pizza: Council voted to try and sell the coupons at Darlingfest. Cash only. See how it performs. We will need to communicate that these will be sold at Darlingfest. Sophie will reach out and coordinate coupon pickup.

New Drake Stuffie order:

- Shannon counted them all and we used them for welcome to Klindie night – just over 40
- Cassandra had shared a catholic school contact who has an identical one that is in the area. They however went out of business. A new vendor has been found and Cassandra will get a quote.

Darlingfest:

- Laurie created a budget.
- Photobooth will be included on the “paid” passport to try to offset the high cost of \$846. Joanna will get a second quote from a contact to see if we can secure a booth for less. Will provide details once she hears back.
- Each student will receive a passport and raffle tickets which will be stamped as they visit each station. Additional passports can be purchased for a fee.
- Council voted to not have parents fill out raffle tickets this year. Instead, ticket rolls will be used. Numbers will be called and then written on a whiteboard in the gym. Anyone who isn’t there will have until 3 PM Friday to pickup their basket. After that they will be raffled off again.
- Mad Science Show \$245 – Council approved.
- Cricket Face Painting council will hire 2 for 2 hours (\$110 an hour) and will have a set design list for kids to choose from. Recommend having someone in line to help them choose their design. Face painting will be a paid (ticket) feature. Total for 2 painters for 2 hours \$440 – council approved. Will confirm price for one design at next council meeting. Depending on the design, cost will be set at next council meeting.
- Games: Loli pop game, Big Jenga, Bean toss, parachute (supervised)
- Jen will investigate a custom Drake stamp.
- Princess: council voted to not have a princess this year.
- Drake selfies: Someone in costume (inside). Sophie will see if her mom can mend the frays on some of them.
- Domino’s Pizza: Will receive all pizza at once in keep warm bags. Preorder and then some on site. Want to offer families the option to buy a whole pizza. Sophie asked if there was the option to get gf quoted.
- Pop: Holly is looking into donation of pop. Everyone is asked to bring a cooler to keep drinks cold.
- Freezies (from Costco): Council voted yes to freezies. Can keep them cool in the staff freezer and have a table outside the room where families can purchase a freezie. Council will freeze them ahead of time and bring them in ice coolers). Council had discussed purchasing a freezer of our own, but this is not a council decision. Facilities will need to be contacted etc. Council will use what they have access to at the school.
- Chips: Council will price these out and follow up.
- Raffle Prizes: Cass and Jen purchased baskets and will buy more if needed. Communication will go out to teachers for themes and how to store items. Students will have one week to bring items in to contribute to the baskets.
- Prizes: Council agreed to \$150 to buy prizes. Flexi pencils, fidgets, slap bracelets and squishes all options for purchase.
- Comms: Save the date ready to send out. Will send after movie night info is sent out. Michal will print colour copies to post on the doors at JD. Classes will make posters for the event. Sophie to coordinate with Danielle on posters. Communication plan will be shared with council to ensure communication goes out on time.

- Volunteers: Will send out a sign-up form late April. If there are not enough volunteers by mid May, may need to cancel the event. The take home reading team has interest, teacher at FHCI will try and get some student volunteers (volunteer hours) and older siblings may be free to help. Suggestion to have volunteers sign up for 30 min sessions.

Tree planting near the kindergarten area to create more shade:

- Not discussed.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: \$13,121.48

Next Meeting

Tuesday May 14th, at 6:30 in the JD Library

Meeting Adjourned:

8:43 PM