

John Darling Public School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday May 14th, 2024

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

With Regrets: Laurie Davidson, Michal Sinai

1. Getting Started (6:30pm)

2. Principal/Teacher Report(s)

3. Initiatives

- Darlingfest -update and vote
- Kungfu Demo – vote
- Movie - update
- Mable’s Labels - update
- Domino's vouchers - vote
- New Drakes – vote
- Swings and gaga pit- vote

1.

Getting Started:

- Shannon put forward motion to approve May 2024 Meeting Agenda: Meg Approved
- Jen put forward motion to approve April 2024 Meeting Minutes. Meg Approved.

2.

Principal’s Report:

- EQAO dates have been set and letters of information have been sent home to Grade 3 and 6 families.
- Grade 6 testing will occur on May 28, 29 and 30.
- Grade 3 testing will occur on June 4, 5, and 6.
- Letters informing parents about the timelines for teaching the Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations have been sent to families of Grade 1-6 students.
- Staffing for next year continues for all teaching, EA and DECE positions. Board changes have resulted in 109 probationary teachers losing their position. Consultants are redirected back into the classroom.
- The swings are to be reinstalled by the end of May.
- Our Facility Supervisor has been made aware that we may wish to install a Gaga Ball Pit. The installation must consider the area where snow is moved to, that the area selected does not have water pooling and that it provides adequate sightlines for supervision.

- Quote for Gaga Ball Pit: \$2,500 Council voted to have it approved with this year's funding. Jen also got a quote similar pricing, but doesn't include the labour.
- Cass put a motion forward to approve Gaga Pit: Approved by council.
- Kindergarten Information Night is June 13th from 4:30 to 5:30
- The dates for the performance of Alice in Wonderland for parents to attend is **June 19th from 5:45 to 6:30.**

Teacher's Report:

- Track and Field is coming up
- Alice in Wonderland rehearsals and performance June 16th and 17th.
- Jump Rope for Heart, Friday May 17th: raised \$1300!

3.

Initiatives:

Darlingfest:

- Food Update: \$175 gift card from the Superstore.
- Sobey's, Walmart etc only gift to licensed charities.
- Food Prices: Single Slice \$1.50 (preorder) | \$2.00 (onsite) | Meal Combo \$5.00 (preorder) | \$6.00 onsite. Family Combo (whole pizza, 4 pops/4 drinks \$20.00 (pre-order only) GF \$12.00 (preorder only). Chips/drink/freezie (\$1.00 each).
- Will use staff freezer for freezies and move from coolers to there. Set up outside the staff room.
- Discussion on ice. Will need about 6 lbs? Perhaps try Costco?
- Volunteers: provide schedule and information including what to bring (sunscreen/hat/water bottle) week before.
- Sophie asked: Do we need tents for volunteers: no most is in the shade by that time of day?
- Volunteer Needs: Food table 5 people | Photo booth: 2 people | Freezie table: 2 people | Food sales: 2 people | Face Paint: 2 people | Raffle Tickets: 2 people | 2 people for each activity and 2 floaters (at least 30 people needed if they all do a full shift, more if split shifts).
- Activities: Face Painting: \$5.00 per kid | Photo booth: \$1.00 per picture. Game card \$5.00 with 8 activities.
- Cassandra has made up game cards and will buy stamps from dollar store.
- Two raffle tickets (kids write their name on it) and a four-stamp game card will be sent home with JD kids. We will use coloured cardstock to differentiate between the free game cards and \$5.00 paid cards.
- Prizes: \$150 to spend on prizes. Plinko can be an added activity and prize wheel will be used to distribute prizes.
- Tables are booked from FHCI.
- Hockey shoot out, basketball and bean bag toss (in SC room).
- Face Painters: 2 people for 2 hrs. from 5-7 PM. Will bring designs for kids to choose from.
- Mad science is booked from 5:15 to 6:15 PM.

- Photobooth booked from 4:30-7:00
- Lollipop toss (Cassandra will put this together). Will need to purchase an extra bucket or two of lollipops.
- Communication: Food reminders will be sent and reminders as well. Raffle information will be sent and given families a week time to review. Need Cass or Jen to fill in teacher information and themes. Volunteers calls with Google Form set up.
- Communication will reiterate that we are fundraising for the playground and that most things will be cash purchase (online orders the exception).
- Darlingfest signs and posters: Cassandra will cover this.
- Danielle may ask the leadership club to also make some up signs.
- Dominos is also donating pizza for a year for our raffle.
- Kunfu Demo: Parent offered to come to DF and give a demo and raffle a 2 week pass for \$56.60 plus HST for a 20 min demo. Council cannot approve this as we did not do an open call to the community to submit business advertising ideas.

Movie Night:

- Did not cover costs. Made \$494.50 but license fee of \$350 plus \$200 for snacks came above what we made.
- Very well received, could do it again or look at different licensing options.
- A few problems with parents not showing up with kids
- Next time charge \$2-\$5 for each family.

Kindie Night:

- June 13th from 4:30-5:30 PM.
- Parent teacher event
- Handing out Drakes?
- Draw for a Bento Box?
- Maebel's Label's – Sophie set up the account and will hand out flyers

Drakes:

- Cass got a quote for a bulk order of 500 for \$14.95 a piece.
- Council would like to look at investing in something else as it's a lot to spend right now.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: 12,856.56

Next Meeting

- Tuesday June 11th, at 6:30 in the JD Library

Meeting Adjourned:

- 8:30 PM