

## DJS School Council Meeting

November 3, 2021 (Virtual Via MS Teams)

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### **Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks Donna**

**Attendees:**

Donna Bartlett - yes  
Kristy Murray - yes  
Lisa Magee - yes  
Christine McCaw - yes  
Michelene Elias-Bates - yes  
Tracy Staples - yes  
Andrew Pratt - yes  
Kendra Runions – yes  
Elektra Plumley – yes Student Council President

**Regrets:**

1. **Review of minutes from last meeting: Donna**
  - Motion to approve minutes from October meeting: Donna Bartlett
  - Seconded: Lisa Magee
2. **Treasurer's Report: Tracy**
  - Nothing new to report from last meeting
  - \$5896.17 is the current balance to account
  - Council allocated \$500 (School Budget Annual Allocation)
3. **Teacher Report: Christine**
  - With many classes, there were many pumpkin inquiries
    - Lifecycle of a pumpkin (YouTube video)
    - Pumpkins in classroom (Covid-friendly)
    - Predictions of number of seeds
    - Weighed, measured, and had pumpkins volcanoes in Ms. McGrath Kindergarten class. In a jack-o-lantern, looks like volcano is throwing up
4. **Principal Report: Tracy & Andrew**

### **Mental Health Matters Challenge for Schools**

- Posts on our Facebook Page
- Students are using the strategies to support development of their Social Emotional Learning Skills
- School Mental Health Ontario Resource (combined with OPHEA)

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- School Mental Health Ontario is available to help support your child's mental health through the challenges of the Pandemic. Click on the following link to learn more:

<https://smho-smsso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/>

### **Staffing**

- Currently finalizing process for additional EA and RECE. Sarah Crowe EA and Lynsey Wheeler RECE.

### **Terry Fox Walk Run**

- Total Contribution \$532.50

### **Health and Safety**

- Email sent to all parents with updates to Masking.
- As of November 1- All Students are required to wear masks
- Updates to Back to School/Child Care and Updates to Covid-19 Screening Tool - Parents to use the link (to ensure most up to date tool is used)
  - Top of sheet – new check boxes about Non-Covid symptoms
  - Updates to #3 – about other members of family with Covid symptoms
  - Recommended for families to visit Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Health Unit Website for updates
- COVID – 19 Mask Exemption Form – updated to include Kindergarten

### **Upcoming Events**

- Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony
- Scholastic Book Fair November 22-Dec 3 Online
- Progress Reports Go Home on November 10
- PA Day November 26 (Agenda will be posted on Facebook and at front of school)

### **Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan**

- Uploaded to our Duncan J. Schoular Website  
<https://djschoular.ucdsb.on.ca/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=33838685>
- Click on For Families - Handbook - Safe & Accepting Schools- Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan

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- Constable Tompkins coming to do a presentation with our two grade 7/8 classes with respect to: What is bullying? How can we prevent bullying? What types of behaviours are considered aggressive? etc.
- Question: is there a plan for the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan to be shared with all grades?
  - Yes- Classroom Teachers will share with their students
  - Constable Tompkins – future virtual meetings with other classes
- Question by council member: How does a parent report concern to the school?
  - All concerns - first point of contact is the classroom teacher(s); who will involve Administration if needed
  - Bus Incidents – Driver can report directly to school, admin follow up with student and parent(s). Parent(s) can speak to driver and/or contact the school office.
  - Principal/Vice Principal have an open-door policy for any concerns parents have

### **Community Concerns**

- Profanity – UCDSB signage at front of school and will be soon placed at each gate
- Smoking – on or near school property – Contacted Health Unit for signage

### **5. Student Report:**

- None currently.

### **6. Fundraising: Donna & Tracy**

- Cancelled Little Caesars for this month. No cancellation fees. Have not set up any dates for the new year. Likely will happen in New Year with pick up in March
- Possible new fundraiser to do now with Shark Bite Treatz and mini donuts with 3 flavours
  - Purchase for \$3 and sell for \$6 or do a multi-buy
  - Notes from board for fundraising
    - Share ahead of time the designated purpose and what funds are being used for
    - If food, meets guidelines in PPM 150

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- Even if the product is consumed at home (not in the school)
- Need to confirm it falls into standards. Will be reviewed by Donna and Tracy to confirm
- Question – If done online, is it considered off-site – Tracy to contact Health Unit
- Product is packaged with listing of ingredients
- School should limit the collection of cash. Cheques and electronic fundraising would be used to collect
  - Used for hot lunches in the past
  - Not for fundraising – Tracy to check into possibility of electronic payment
- Funds to be used for a new basketball area with adjustable nets
  - Larger area with adjustable net to encourage more activity
  - What would need to happen to get permission to get area increased (including pavement area increased)?
  - Question: Can we do it in stages?
    - All needs to be completed at one
    - Fundraising can be done in stages to get more involved
  - Tracy has reached out to facilities department to confirm if we can have adjustable nets on school property
  - Have asked for nets to be moved from grass to asphalt, but portable became priority.
  - To have to resurface, they need to dig down further. A quote will need to be gathered to know if this is possible.
  - Maybe update nets (non-adjustable) and then update soccer nets instead.
  - If not adjustable nets, maybe expand asphalt and new paint.
  - Continue the conversation at next meeting

### 7. New Business: Tracy

- Positive behaviour program – Tracy

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- Elektra, Lucas and Tracy will be speaking about the plan Nov 4. Ms. Sloan connecting with 2 grade 4/5 classes, 5/6 class and 6/7 class for Student Council Reps
  - Plan moving forward is to continue what we did last year. Each Classroom identifies a positive behaviour learning goal and success criteria, what does success look like and a reward for meeting the goal. Student Council Reps will capture using interview and/or pictures and/or videos
  - Rewards could be:
    - extra recess, movie with popcorn, games day, etc.
    - Gift card still available per classroom - \$30 per class to put towards this initiative
    - 16 classes x \$30 gift cards (Amazon, Giant Tiger, YIG)
    - Motion for an extra \$30 gift card for the additional class this year – Kendra Runions
    - Second – Lisa Magee
  - Field Trips
    - We can do field trips with guidelines
    - Council in past has pitched in for speakers (e.g., Scientists in the Classrooms and/or transportation/entry fee to a location
    - All field trips need to stay in Leeds & Grenville jurisdiction
    - If teacher asks for a trip, all rules and regulations would be reviewed before approval by Administration
    - First time doing this in a few years so many questions will come through
    - Indoor trips need to be contacted ahead to ensure protocols are established and explained to us for be able to travel and review trip protocols
      - Task Christine McCaw to ask teachers for ideas for trips teachers would like to do this year and how council can help
      - Idea of trip could be to ice skating rink. Elektra also to ask student council about ideas
      - Could we do a Duncan J ½ day/day event for school skating support?
- 8. Correspondence: Donna, Tracy, and Andrew**
- Nothing new to add
  - Little Caesars flyers to be put aside to save

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### 9. Date of next meeting:

- Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Items to discuss at next meeting:

- Mini donut fundraiser
- Hot Meal plan for 2021-2022
- Fields Trips
- Information on basketball area

NOTE:

### **Discussion via email re: Motion for Hot Dog Day (sent Thursday, Nov. 4)**

Is the School Council interested in supporting a hot dog day? There has been a donation of over 200 buns from a community member. Would the School Council consider buying the wieners, condiments, and the rest of the buns? Pricing from Quattrocchi's and Independent Grocer (buns only).

Donna Bartlett motioned to cover \$300.00 max to cover the expenses

Wings Mustard portions, 500 per case-\$12.20

Wings Relish portions, 500 per case-\$20.75

Heinz ketchup portions 500 per case-\$23.90

Lester's 5" hot dog, 2x 3kg-\$41.45 x3

Hog dog buns \$2.69 x ( 26 pks)

Total= \$252.14

Motion by Donna Bartlett (via email)

Seconded by Lisa Magee (via email)

Provided to students on Monday, November 15, 2021