

DJS School Council Meeting

November 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (Virtual Via MS Teams & In-person)

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks: Nancy

Attendees:

Regrets: None

Donna Bartlett
Kristy Murray
Lisa Magee
Christine McCaw
Michelene Elias-Bates
Nancy Holman
Alana Draper
Emily Smith
Bethany Battista
Kendra Runions
Raylene Hladun
Sarah Rudge
Terry Sloan

- Call to order: 6:05 p.m.

2. Review of minutes from last meeting: Donna

- Motion: Donna
- Second: Alana
 - o NOTE: Eleanor and Raylene is the same person
 - o Under Elections, Alana's name to be updated
 - o Can meeting notes be saved as a document

3. Treasurer's Report: Nancy

- a. Nothing to report at this time
- b. Financial Assistant position is available as well as an Office Admin position
- c. Apply through the families of school position

4. Teacher's Report: Christine

- o In October, had a former student come in and speak about coding to students to Ms. Sloan's class
- o Rocks and Rings came in through the local curling club for students grade 1-8.
- o Halloween: Hosted our first dance with costumes and/or orange/black outfits

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5. Admin Report: Nancy/Sarah

*FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE ATTACHED POWERPOINT

- Bully Prevention and Intervention Plan
 - Plan can be found on school website
 - Leader visited this week to meet with students
 - Have student playground activity leaders (50 students)
 - We All Belong Survey coming up for grades 1-8
 - Students need to do at home with families
 - Find out what we are doing well and what can we improve
 - More coming with SOAR, WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) and LEADS (Look and listen, Explore points of view, Act, Did it work? Seek help)
 - Parent resources coming to support language used at school as well as home
 - Daily wellness strategies – see link for School Mental Health Ontario
 - Canadian Playful Schools Network
 - Get links from Nancy
 - We are part of 1 of 40 schools across Canada <https://playjouer.ca/>
 - Our goal is learning through play
 - Teachers were part of playgroup
 - Hearing what they can do (connect nutrition to wellness, green space, growing food, etc)
 - Activities
 - Mental Health Magic show – Nov 2
 - Progress report cards go home – Nov 10
 - Remembrance Day ceremony – Nov 11
 - Big Brother/Big Sisters – After school go program – Starts Nov 7
 - New technology (3 laptop carts – approx. 90 new laptops)
 - Question: Parent communication
 - What works for us?
 - Emails (my Family Room or distribution list)
 - Facebook
 - Other ways?
 - Weekly updates?
 - Monthly newsletter?
 - NOTES:
 - Consensus is to communicate through all listed above to ensure everyone receives communications

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- Need more families to be using My Family Room as direct communications come from there and the school forwards the email to distribution list from there.

6. Fundraising – Donna

- Dillmans
 - 14 orders
 - \$796 in sales and \$320.92 school raised
 - Money for the nutrition program
 - Families have been asking to donate instead of purchasing
 - Soft date = Nov 4
 - Changing any date will push back delivery date
- Hot lunches
 - Pizza orders
 - Has been a challenge to organize for classrooms
 - Forms need to be more accurate with more information to attach payment to student names
 - November 11 might be pushed to a future dates
 - Need volunteers from parents to help out for delivery
 - Future considerations
 - Not a fundraiser
 - Need to review all activities for the school to ensure our value of activities (we need to ensure that we are not over-stretching staff/volunteers)
 - How can we do to make it easier on families?
- Holiday Giftshop (Dec 13/14/15/16)
 - More tables need to be added for library
 - Parents asking for information to donate items
 - Learn from other schools on wording/letters for parents
 - Sarah to create letters for parents to collect donations
 - Restrictions: no clothing, stuffies, hygiene products
 - New hats/scarves with tags are accepted
 - Made items knowing who made them are accepted
 - Need more items for dads and grandpas
 - Purchase for immediate family only
 - For the younger kids, pair up with older students to walk around to purchase
 - Sheet to go home for students to create their list of who they are shopping for (name, age)
 - Set up the night before (Monday, December 12)

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- Top items could include:
 - Coffee mugs
 - Jewelry
 - Ice scrapers
 - Books
 - Ask for donations of gift bags, gift wrap, tissue paper, labels and tape, Christmas cards
- Turkey Dinner (December 21/22)
 - Chef is only available that week
 - 2 servings happen with extended lunch times for students
 - Volunteers has been asked and have accepted
 - Tables could be brought in from the High School
 - McDonalds to donate orange drink
 - Alternative meals for those who cannot have turkey meal
 - Ask parents to communicate back to the school to participate in the meal (ask for alternative, alert of allergy)
 - Current student count: 388 students/48 staff (final number to be confirmed). Thinking 475 people to serve.
 - Letter to go out this week.
 - Do churches have foldable table to borrow?
 - Qty required to ask is about 20-25 tables
 - Kendra to look at her organization to borrow
 - Kinders to be served in their classrooms
 - Businesses being approached for donations include:
 - Andress Independent
 - Giant Tiger
 - Food Basic
 - Garden market
 - Civitan
 - Rotary Club
 - Smiths Falls Lions Den
 - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95
 - Kinsmen Club
 - McDonald's
- Golfball race
 - Updates:
 - Town has declined the approval of the game
 - Wording would need to be golfball drop instead of golfball race
 - Need auditor on-site
 - Separate banking account with statements monthly/yearly

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- Decision is to not do the race this year.
- Canteen fundraiser
 - Is this something that we can organize for students on a weekly/monthly basis?

New Business: Donna

- Parent Facebook Page for School
 - To be run by the parents of students (not run by school)
 - Need to be mindful of forums that we offer for comments
 - Needs to be moderated closely
 - Items to be posted
 - Bus cancellations
 - Missing items
 - School announcements
 - Asking for volunteers
 - Can we do anything to get more people following our existing page instead of creating a new page
 - Add a separate page off the existing page for parents
 - Get more information for a future conversation to create this page off our existing
 - Alana and Kendra to review and bring back to our meeting
- Lice Squad needs to come into the school. More to discuss.

Meeting dates:

- December 12, 2022 (set up for Holiday Gift Shop) *NEW DATE*
- February 8, 2023 *NEW DATE*
- April 5, 2023
- May 3, 2023 (Tentative)
- June 7, 2023 (Wrap up)

Meeting end: 7:25pm