

JDH Parent Council Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2018

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome/ Introduce any new members

Sara Avoledo, Allison England, Stephen Gariepy, Jenn Kraus, Kelly Hall, Hannah Kouwen, Michaela Witzke, Daphne Kroezen, Rhonda Hurst, Adam Bodiam, Marnie Barrow: (late arrivals) Alicia Buckley, Crysten Miller

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved ☺

4. Principal's Report:

Thank you to Crysten Miller for arranging food trucks for the meet the teacher night. The flow was nice for teachers, parents trickling in and out, and allowed council members to also see their teachers.

There has been a minor reorganization, an additional kindergarten class has been added.

There are lots of extracurricular activities running thanks to the staff who volunteer to do these. Acknowledging that it takes a lot not just to give the time but plan the spaces for use and also being mindful of reaching out to different interests.

Snack/salad day is up and running thanks to Leah, Jenn, Adam, and Elaine for their hard work getting the snack program going.

Spirit Wear: Mrs Bilton is working on the spirit wear, we will see prices rounded up a bit and the extra funds will go towards equipment like balls for use in the school field.

Arts day is a go! Mrs Ray will facilitate, we can expect that it will be well organized and while not official it is expected to occur during education week (along with the open house)

Terry Fox run: all kids were involved and \$1257.95 was raised :)

EQAO results are out: parents of children in grade 3 and 6 of last year should have received an envelope with their child's results.

Averages	Grade 3	Grade 6
Reading	74	87
Writing	68	61
Math	61	37

There has been and continues to be a Math focus board wide and at JD. Keep in mind Language complements math.

If parents are looking to help their children they can help with number facts at home. Addition subtraction, multiplication, but more importantly helping children to understand why it is important to be number literate. Children like to know why they need to do things and as parents we can show them how it's used in our day to day life.

There has been a wellness committee started. This is for both staff and students, you may hear about Wellness Wednesday in the coming weeks.

Staff would like to invite in guest speakers and invite back the very successful climbing wall and would appreciate any support council can offer. The climbing wall was \$5000.

October 24th is Take Me Outside Day. Staff are encouraged to bring their kids outside to learn and report back. This initiative also helps with Eco school status.

Outdoor classroom: the request has been sent in as well as information from the architect. Marni has reached out and has been reassured the process is in queue. She will continue to follow up.

Bulling prevention week is November 19-23

PD Day Nov 2nd

Progress reports go home November 20th

Interviews November 29th and 30th

Next parent council meeting November 22nd

Halloween: Wear black and orange or a school appropriate costume

5. Treasurer's Report

Someone asked for a review of what we made last school year:

Fresh from the Farm fall and spring \$2600

Open House \$155

Movie Nights \$650

Tupperware \$250

Dance A Thon \$3300

Thirty One \$835

Open House \$575

6. Old Business

a) September Events

Fresh from the farm orders are in, lower orders than in previous years.

FUN FACT: some parents donated to the learning foundation instead.

7. New Business

a. Movie Night – October 26, 2018:

At the last meeting it was presented to the council that it would cost \$300 to purchase the rights to show Disney and Pixar movies and it was voted that we want to purchase them for the movie nights this coming year. Nicole Clark came with two suggestions:

Teen Titans Go (which we will not need the rights for, and may reach an older crowd) or Hotel Transylvania.

It was disclosed that there was a teen dance the evening of the 26th and so we might be best not to run a pg movie as we might not get the crowd.

It was voted by 6 people that we would play hotel Transylvania for the movie night.

Two suggestions for movie night: we start at an earlier time, and/ or do a double header to meet needs both age groups. It was determined that it can be run at an earlier time if someone volunteers to run it and that can be a side conversation. We have run a double header in the past with not great results; again if volunteers want to help we can try. Maybe move the time for November's movie.

b. Yoga Night – November 14, 2018

Great feedback about the lady from last year. Crysten will contact to book her again.

Decision about taking funds from Family Involvement vs Pro-Grant. Due to the fact that we were not supposed to repeat the same activity from last years program we will take the money from Family involvement.

c. Movie Night - November 23, 2018

With the rights purchased we will be able to stream Incredibles II. This means we won't be able to raffle the movie off. We also have to be mindful of the fact that there are strobe lights in the movie. Council determined we will put a warning about the strobes on any movie night advertising and again on the door.

Do we want to raffle something else instead (like spirit wear, or a movie complimenting toy?)

FACEBOOK: council allowed Stephen the floor to talk about Facebook. He wanted to speak specifically about the capabilities of our group page.

We have abilities to pre approve member requests. Which has been done by seeing if the member requesting was also a part of other community Facebook groups. He suggests questions such as: "Does your child attend JD Hogarth?" "Do you agree to the following rules?" (list rules of the page such as the page is only for discussing council events etc.)

Kelly suggests that she would like to be able to share things from our council group but because it is a private group that is not possible. Doing a screen shot limits people's ability to access information the same.

We discussed making a Parent Council Facebook page where we can post Parent Council Fundraisers and community events with no commenting allowed but ensuring there is a contact involved in the advertisement.

We have 24 followers on Twitter.

Can we do an Instagram page? Instagram is photos only but it is important that we do not post photos of children or information about them leaving school property.

Crysten requested that Laura Oliver please send photos of posters students make about spirit days that could have children's names blurred out and posted on Instagram and other social media.

Stephen gets his information for the group from the school calendar, and word of mouth.

Let Laura Oliver know if there is a council event that is not on the school calendar.

Kudos to Stephen for the wonderful work he has done on our media pages, Stephen will create a parent council Facebook page to compliment our group, and will post items that may be public knowledge to the page with no ability to comment. Stephen will also post a reminder to those already in the group that, we are not to post photos of children or items disclosing locations and times when the children will be off site. (this is important for the protection of the children)

We need to find a balance to give parents enough to keep kids safe, and prevent others from posting in other places that won't.

d. Elect a fundraising committee

Please join our fundraising committee. We are looking for a group of parents who will look at fundraising options to narrow them down and report back to council.

Thank you Sara, Alicia, Hannah, Crysten, and Kelly: can we also put a call out on the FB group looking for more people to be involved in this aspect, posting fundraising goals as a motivation. Crysten is to connect these members by initiating an email chain.

Great Wolf Lodge was a fundraiser that was presented at the last meeting. We discussed the idea of raffling off a package as an incentive. Council members reached out to ask if it would be okay to do this without a license, it was determined that we would need a license, but it is rare that the whistle is blown on items of such a small profit. It was brought to the attention of the council that JD Hogarth has a parent who regulates this. A decision was not made as to if we would "risk it" and that we will determine this when we get a fundraising report from the fundraising committee.

8. Additions to Agenda

None

9. Adjournment approved.