

JDH Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Attending: Ali, Shirley, Riley, Nathan Adams, Brodie, Stephen, Julie, Heather and Michaela (online)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
Motion called to order by Ali, seconded by Heather

Approval of Agenda presented by Stephen, by Heather, seconded by Shirley

Chair Report (presented by Stephen Gariepy, Council Chair):

- Upcoming movie night June 9th - primarily ran and organized by Brodie and Riley
- Financial Accounts have been streamlined
- Having 2 Student Reps (1 each from the english and french track))worked really well, will need to decide when and how to gauge student interest for the 2023/2024 school year
- Year end survey is being worked on to send out to parents/gaurdians for feedback for what worked well, etc.
- Council will have information in the "School package" that goes home with students in September

Principal Report (presented by Mr Adams)

- Track and Field saw \$1,300 in freezie sales!
- The junior track and field event will be held at JDH on June 13, 2023
- Intermediate track and field will be at the University of Guelph
- Food and Friends program is going really well and will return next year - more help/volunteers would be greatly appreciated - to see if Mr Gordon will present to council to see how we could help/support the program
- Teachers are being hired and placed - so far the grade 6/7 English teacher has been confirmed
- Grade 8's have done their orientation to CWDHS and have their graduation coming up
- JDH is currently flying the pride flag
- This summer JDH will be having a full roof and pavement replacement. All teachers and staff need to be out of the school by June 30th and can not return until notified.
- Mr. Nathan Adams will be returning to JDH in September as he has been hired permanently

Financial Update (presented by Heather Dowling, Council Treasurer)

- Numbers are not final as there is still the final Movie night, however at this point the Council has raised almost \$8,300 during the 2022/2023 school year.
- At the start of the school year the Playground account had a balance of \$7,478, according to Uppergrand rules, this account needed to have a balance of \$10,000. The fall movie night, Dance-a-thon and winter movie night were to raise funds for this account. We currently have a balance of \$13,991 in this account and can now focus on fundraising for other purposes around the school

- In the 2022/23 school year Council contributed funds to more snow shoes, supplies for Arts Day and Math and Literature books and supports.

Discussion around future possible fundraising ideas was had

- Forest of Reading - purchasing books that are recommended
- Year end trips - so much \$/child
- Money given to each teach or grade for a specific resource

Going forward council will prepare goals for fundraising by event as we gain more experience with fundraising events

Three movie night dates have been picked for 2023/24 school year.

Pizza night was a success

- only had 60 families participate, however the donation for New Orleans Fergus was still \$904.
- Should we look at running this twice per year?

Open house

- 46 baskets for the auction were sold in a range of \$2-\$60
- Discussed rotating themes - but agreed this would be a challenge
- Try to brainstorm some new themes
- Possibly have a class build boxes that are reused so we don't need basket donations? WOULD need to ensure there is ample storage
- There was lots of places for council to help (pizza distribution, ice cream sales, keep an eye on auction), need more bodies

Events to Plan

- School Grant committee
 - 3 parents and Mr Lindsay (maybe add an additional teacher resource too)
- Student Reps
 - Possibly ask for volunteers in June to be in place for September
 - Nathan runs a leadership program with grades 6's - a good place to start
 - Last years reps were picked after a committee of council reviewed all the essay requests that the students needed to "apply" with
- Survey for parents/care givers from Council
 - What events to see in future
 - Thoughts on past events
 - Is it worth offering a gift certificate as a prize for survey involvement?
- September 2023 events
 - Terry Fox - not council
 - Open House/Meet the Teacher
 - Have a table for council to get some contacts - door prize?
 - Food and Friends table
 - Council meeting
 - Typically first Tuesday of each month, however move September's
 - will start at 6:00 - discuss if a different time suits majority
 - Possibly have Mr Gordon to present Food and Friends program

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm, presented by Ali, seconded by Shirley.