

John Darling School Council Meeting
January 8 2025 – 6:30pm - 7:30pm
(In person meeting)
Agenda // Minutes

1. Getting Started (6:30pm)

Approval of agenda (Jan. 8)

- Laurie motion to approve agenda, seconded by Holly
- Motion approved

Approval of minutes for September and November meetings. (October & December cancelled)

- Laurie motion to approve minutes, seconded by Holly
- Motion approved

2. Principal/Teacher Report(s)

- Winter Concert
- Sing Along
- Food Drive - 463 lbs - Wow!
- Let Grow - 79 leaves so far
- Book Fair Dates - Feb 9-13
- Service Dogs - part of our monthly DRAKE assemblies
 - Coming back Jan 14
- Zen Den starting up again in 2026
- Gym still without heat

3. Council Initiatives

Recaps & Updates:

Movie Night (Grinch) - November 27th

- Pretty well attended, sold out of candy (strong interest in Smarties)
- Weather may have impacted attendance
- Popcorn went well being sold in the gym
- Admin need to remind parents to manage their children
 - No toys other than stuffies (i.e. remote control cars)
 - Respectful movie behaviour
 - Mr. Bond to do welcome address, explain house rules, expectations.

Lunch Pails

- Going well from the office point of view
- They are very happy with the uptake in the first 4 weeks (58 lunches by the second week!)
- We get 5% of sales (\$105 in first two weeks)
- Snow day/bus cancellation policy: Expectation is that meals will still be delivered, unless schools are closed. Parents can cancel the day of or the night before (by 7am day of)
- Sonya will remind Lunch Pails contacts that the office is the only contact and Holly should be removed from future emails.

January: Dominos Coupon Sales - Lead (Laurie & Michelle)

- Laurie has connected with Dominos. We can sell through School-day for \$15 each, buy for \$6 and retain \$9 for each coupon sold.
- Laurie to update last year's messaging with new details
- Michelle and Laurie to work together to pick up coupons, sort & pack for each student

*Update: Sales window will be January 19 to 29, 2026

February: Scholastic Book Fair - Assign Lead / Dates & Timelines / Tasks

- Feb 9-13
 - Shannon and Sophie to help with set-up (Monday morning)
 - Feb 9 - open for viewing
 - Feb 10,11 - open second break (1:30-2:10pm), after school 3:10-4:30pm
 - Feb 12 - open second break, after school 3:10-6:00pm
- ACTION: Mr. Bond to ask Ms. Whitham for permission to use the library for the bookfair.
- Last year
 - Feb 10 - Open after school to 6pm
 - Feb 11/12 - Open first break, after school to 4pm
 - Feb 13 - open first break (moved to Friday due to snow day)

Field Trips

Motion to amend the previous motion (Sept 2025) to cover the cost of field trips per student from \$5 to \$10. Seconded by Holly.

- Motion approved.

March: Spiritwear (Laurie) - Dates & Timelines / Examples / Tasks

- Company creates a school specific site that parents go to and buy
- Parents can pay for shipping to their house or pick up at the school/sent with student
- The Board does not have a contract for this service and/or product. Please use a reputable vendor to purchase apparel or spiritwear.
- An [Ethical Purchasing of Apparel Form](#) must accompany each purchase. Action: Laurie to reconnect with supplier (Civilian Screen Printing) and bring more info to next meeting.

May:

Kindie Night (Cassandra & Danielle) - May 28 from 5:30-6:30 & Timelines / Tasks

- Potentially could get tote bags from Spiritwear sales
- Council discussed items to include: books about going to school, playdough, laminated pages with name of student, big pencil, scissors and cutting sheets, etc.
- Council to check with Kindie teams re: items to include.
- Bag of popcorn as they leave

Spring Movie Night - Dates & Timelines (May 28th) / Tasks (FYI - May 29 is a PD Day)

- Movie vote with Lilo & Stitch and alternate chosen closer to

****Update:** Spring Movie Night will be Thursday, June 4th

June:

Chalk the Walk - Get kids to colour the front cobblestones

- Assign Lead (Danielle) / Dates & Timelines / Tasks

Grade 6 Grad Ceremony (Cassandra & Danielle)

- Dates & Timelines / Tasks

Ongoing Fundraising:

- Flip Give - Factory Shoe - Mabel's Labels
- Laurie to revise communication to send to Sonya

Future Events:

- Craft night
- Board Game Night -
- Mini-Maker Market - fall 2026
- Open Gym Night - 4:30-5:00 primary, 5:00-5:30 for juniors
- All future event ideas will be for 2026/2027 school year - with planning to begin this spring.

4. Treasurer's Report

- [JD Council Budget 24-26](#)
- Fundraising Projects for Parent Council:
 - Gym tech
 - Screen / Projector / Audio system
- Council to think about long term and short term goals for fundraising
- Council to consider a % guideline of council funds that are spent annually on small projects, vs saving for larger legacy projects.

5. Adjourn Meeting (7:40pm)

Meeting Schedule (Subject to change)

Thursday (6:30-7:30)

Jan 8 – Minute taker- Michelle

Feb 12 – Minute taker- Michelle

Mar 12 – Minute taker- Michelle

Apr 9 – Minute taker - Michelle

May 14 – Minute taker- Michelle

Jun 11 – Minute taker - Michelle

Key Dates:

- Jan 16 – PD Day
- Mar 16 - 20 – March Break

Important Links:

Movie night(s) - ACF-film.com

Council Budget - [JD Council Budget 24-26](#)

Council Shared Drive - [JD Council Google Drive](#)

Council Calendar - [Parent Council 2026 Calendar](#)