

John Darling School Council Meeting
April 9, 2026 – 6:30pm - 7:30pm
(In person meeting)
Agenda // Minutes

1. Getting Started (6:30pm)

Approval of agenda (April 9.)

- Laurie motion to approve agenda, seconded by Danielle.
- Approved

Approval of minutes for March meeting (March 12)

- Laurie motion to approve minutes, seconded by Kathleen.
- Approved

2. Principal/Teacher Report(s)

- Another Pink Shirt Day (international)
- Earth Hour Activities, students did a scavenger hunt and wrote positive messages about the environment on the school walls
- Kindergarten Field Trip - Mini Playtown
 - Student led play, no presentation just lots of exploration and play
- Let Grow - Love Your Planet Theme for April
- Earth Week Activities & Earth Day on April 22nd.
 - James to check whether Parent Council would be helpful for an event
- Kindness Assembly, Mismatched Sock Day to recognize students with Down's Syndrome
- School-wide rocks and rings event May 4
- Skipping club begins, jump rope for heart next month. Donations through qr code
- Strong start - grade 1s graduated. We will begin next week for SK students. 6 students will participate. Volunteers are always needed. More volunteers = more students supported.
 - Parent volunteers would be appreciated. Would be asked to come into the school to support student learning by using supplied games and materials. Weekly commitment for 10 weeks, ~60mins/visit. Would need to be trained, and would require a vulnerable sector police check.
- Projector & Laptop on a cart - waiting for a price
- Chicks coming April 18 x2 classes

4. Council Initiatives

Recaps & Updates

- **Eco Week Update** - See above
- **Scholastic Book Fair**
 - Scheduled for week of April 19-23, 2027
 - Confirmed okay with library
- **Spiritwear (Laurie)** - Update, Council Shirts, Fall Spirit Wear with Mabels Labels

- Sold 50 items, made \$240
- Lessons learned: might be better to pick a different time (Fall) toques and hoodies might sell better, should send things home in the planner (with a sticker/memo) - Laurie to create flyers
- Civil will take 1-off orders, but might want to just hold orders for the fall
- Free council shirts are not realistic, we could wear vests or lanyards to identify ourselves on event nights
- Spirit Wear sales to be re-opened in the fall for new JD families, winter items

School Events

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

- Give aways, flyer about Parent Council (40)
 - We need to take stock of what we have: we believe we have books, chunky crayon/pencil, playdoh, safety scissors
 - Kathleen to look and report back to Laurie
- Include invitation to Spring Movie Night
- Bag of popcorn as they leave
- Pending review of items for gift bags, Laurie motion to allocate \$100 to purchase items, seconded by Michelle
 - Approved

Spring Movie Night - Thursday, June 4th

Timing : 5:30pm Start, 6:30pm Movie Starts

- Movie Selection (Class Vote?)
 - Classrooms to vote between: Goat, Hopper, Zootopia 2 (first week of May)
- Extras - Popcorn, ice cream sandwiches, freezies, chocolate bars, will need napkins/wet wipes
 - Danielle to bring popcorn machine, but will not be able to make the popcorn
 - Encourage bringing water bottles from home, stuffies but no other toys
 - Cassandra can purchase items from Wholesale Club
 - Laurie and Holly to let Cassandra know what we sold before
 - Holly to get cash float
 - Michelle, Holly, Adrienne to bring coolers
 - Older kids could make posters of the chosen movie to advertise the event in-school
 - Holly to complete paperwork to get Loblaws giftcard to use towards food, napkins, etc.

Chalk the Walk (Danielle) - Get kids to colour the front cobblestones - June 1-4

- Council to provide the chalk

Grade 6 Grad Ceremony (Cassandra & Danielle) - June 23rd, 2:00pm (doors open at 1:40pm)

- Tori is available to create the balloon arch, council would just need to cover the cost of

the balloons (~\$50)

- Laurie motion to approve ~\$50 to cover cost of balloons for arch, seconded by Holly
- Approved
- Cupcakes provided
- Parade around the school
- Artwork displayed in the gym - each kid completes a puzzle piece?
- Notebook/yearbook - to get teacher and student notes
 - James to look into what we did last year

John Darling Fun Day - June 24th (Second Last Day of School)

- Photobooth update

2026 / Ongoing Fundraising:

- [McMillans - November 23, 2026](#) - Order due date, Oct 26th. Laurie has an info package. Look into other dates (order Nov, pick up Dec) 20% for 0 - 100 items 25% for 101 - 300 items
- [Fresh From the Farm - Sept. 3 to Oct. 17, 2026](#). Minimum 40 bags, get 40% back.
 - Consider for 2027/28
- Flip Give - Factory Shoe

Future Events (26/27 Schoolyear)

- Craft night or board game night - create a sub committee to organize this event (Winter?)
- Math night - company comes in and set things up in the gym (not fundraising, more community)
- John Darling Bonspiel? Rent the kit for the week. Possibly for Feb 2027?
- Mini-Maker Market - Fall 2026 - are there rules around selling items?
 - Suggested donations perhaps?
- FIFA event
- Drop-in soccer game/basketball outside?
- 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.

5. Treasurer's Report

- [JD Council Budget 24-26](#)
- Long Term Fundraising Projects for Parent Council
- Annual Spending Guideline for Council funds - percentage cap to be spent on annual initiatives vs. long term projects.

6. New Business

7. Adjourn Meeting

- Laurie motion to adjourn meeting at 8:03pm, seconded by Cass.

Meeting Schedule (Subject to change)

Thursday (6:30-7:30)

Apr 9 – Minute taker - Michelle

May 14 – Minute taker- Michelle

Jun 11 – Minute taker - Michelle

Key Dates:

- April 24 - PD Day

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](#)

Fundraiser:

Fresh from the Farm - <https://freshfromfarm.ca/pages/how-it-works>

MacMillans - <https://www.macmillans.online/faq>