

John Darling School Council Meeting  
February 12 2026 – 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
(In person meeting)  
**Agenda // Minutes**

**1. Getting Started (6:30pm)**

Approval of agenda (Feb 12.)

- Laurie motion to approve agenda, seconded by Michelle

Approval of minutes for January meeting.

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

**2. Principal/Teacher Report(s)**

- Board Chair & Superintendent Visit
  - Very positive
  - Remarked on the very positive feel of the school culture and strong instruction
- Ryan's Well - Raised over \$500
- WWF Sweater Day
- Assembly & Black Brilliance Month
- Let Grow - Leadership
- Lego Club - coming soon
  - Might be able to reach out to Bricks & Mini Figs at the Boardwalk, they are very community focused
- Second visit from the Service Dogs of Canada
- FYI - Admin PD for Generative AI
  - Admin - Teachers - Gr 7-12 Students
- Olympics - Kindie olympics in the gym with 6 events, flags, award ceremony, etc.
  - Extended day has a bulletin board and is watching, following medals, graphing accomplishments.
- Rocks & Rings - May 4
  - Ontario Egg farmers - they bring curling rocks, sheets of ice with the button to teach curling
- Field Trips are being proposed!
  - Grade 5s going to outdoor center for fort building
  - Grade 3/4s going to Butterfly Conservatory
- Music Teacher Ms. MacPherson is inviting a musician in to visit during her music classes. The musician will be demonstrating new instruments to the students.

**3. Crossing Guards (Holly)**

- Looking for crossing guards at Highview/Sugar Maple and Rolling Meadows in front of the school
- By our records, a crossing guard was requested for Rolling Meadows Drive in front of John Darling P.S. in October of 2022.
- Since then new infrastructure and lower speeds have made the space safer, and a

preliminary review of the area has resulted in the city removing this area as a possible Crossing Guard location because the road is narrower and speeds are lower, providing safe gaps in traffic and making it feasible for students to cross on their own. City staff have suggested that the school consider placing a student Standing Foot Patrol instead.

- Training in Sept, students wear reflective vests, might get a GC thank you/pizza
- Might need a sign for the teacher's parking lot to reduce number of parents pulling into the parking lot
- Two larger do not park signs

#### **4. Council Initiatives**

##### Recaps & Updates:

##### **Domino's Coupon Sales (Lead: Laurie & Michelle)**

- Sold 49 coupons this year (X last year) brought in \$441 for the school

##### **Scholastic Book Fair - (Lead: Holly)**

- Concluding an extremely successful bookfair this year, thank you so much, Holly!
- Debrief:
  - Review on Monday, open for sale Tuesday was great!
  - Lighter than expected traffic for the last (late) night - perhaps it'll be ok next year to be open late on the first night. Recommend having a sign on the door for the later night asking parents to go around to enter from outside.
  - Make sure 'order me' stickers are on all of the last books (would be good to do the week before if possible)
  - Someone present at setup should also be there for teardown
  - Ask for draw slips to be returned on the Monday/viewday, and pick the winner on the first day vs. the final day
  - New POS system for next year? Two machines - one for cash, one for cards
    - Make sure parents know they can pay with cards
  - Holly will write down a process so that there is a to-do list for future book fair leaders (ask for library use, table cloths, logins and reading to do).

##### March:

##### **Spiritwear (Laurie) - Sales first 2 weeks of March / Examples / Tasks**

- Company creates a school specific site that parents go to and buy
- Civilian has completed the [Ethical Purchasing of Apparel Form](#)
  - Adult and youth t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts, assorted styles of hats
  - All print-on demand, no minimum orders or left over stock
  - Laurie to confirm Drake logo with James, ask Civilian about providing clothes for sample sizes

##### April:

Future event Planning - 2026/2027 School Year

Review/inventory of what's in the Council room

## May:

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

- Tote Bags & Give Away Items (books about going to school, playdough, laminated pages with name of student, big pencil, scissors and cutting sheets, etc.)
- Include invitation to Spring Movie Night
- Bag of popcorn as they leave

## June:

### **Spring Movie Night - Thursday, June 4th -**

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

### **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 or 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.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

- [JD Council Budget 24-26](#)
- Long Term Fundraising Projects for Parent Council:
  - Gym tech (Screen / Projector / Audio system) - working on getting quotes.
  - Also need a new microphone & sound system.
- Annual Spending Guideline for Council funds - percentage cap to be spent on annual initiatives vs. long term projects.

## **6. New Business**

- Council discussed the possibility of buying a deep freezer for the school to support fun days, things like popsicles, freezies, etc.

## **7. Adjourn Meeting (TIME)**

- Laurie motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40pm, seconded by Holly.

**Meeting Schedule** (Subject to change)

Thursday (6:30-7:30)

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:**

- February 16 - Family Day
- Mar 16 - 20 – March Break
- April 24 - PD Day

**Important Links:**

Movie night(s) - [ACF-film.com](http://ACF-film.com)

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

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

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