

John Darling School Council Meeting
May 14, 2026 – 6:30pm - 7:30pm
(In person meeting)
Agenda // Minutes

1. Getting Started (6:30pm)

Approval of agenda (May 14.)

Approval of minutes for April meeting (April 9)

- Motion to approve minutes tabled to the June meeting.

2. Principal/Teacher Report(s)

- Chicks are hatching. Incubator will stay longer with quail eggs. Might move to the Library so all students can see it. School will buy an incubator set for the school and do it every year.
- Bus Safety Presentation - Provided by STSWR.
- Let Grow Theme - Bee Kind to Our Earth (April).
- Earth Day Assembly
- Doing a world cup event for FIFA.
- RARE Turtle Presentation
- School Track Meet - May 21
- Jump Rope for Heart - May 22
- Rock & Rings
- Required Paperwork - DUE June 12th - **ACTION:** Laurie to submit
- [Principal Profile Instructions May 2026](#)
- [JDP_Principal Profile Form_May 2025.docx](#)
- [JDP_Principal Profile Form 2026.docx](#)
- [2025-2026 WRDSB School Council Report](#)

4. Council Initiatives

School Events

Kindie Night (Cassandra, Laurie, & Danielle) - May 28 from 5:30-6:15 & Timelines / Tasks

- Give away Update (Kathleen) - give away items from previous years were not usable. Don't need a lot of items, they have been ordered. Money from council will be used to supplement.
- Flyer Communications (40) - flyer about Parent Council and invite to Spring Movie Night
- Bag of popcorn as they leave
- Motion to Approve \$50 for a balloon arch for Kindie Night. Expense is approved as per the digital communications with parents.
- Volunteers - Arrive at the school
- **ACTION:** Laurie to share the digitals of the flyers with Mr. Bond to include in the digital communications to new JK parents.
- Holly can join Laurie and Sadie (Drake) to help hand out popcorn.

Chalk the Walk (Danielle) - June 1-4

- Council to provide the chalk
- More comms needed for Sonya to send out
- Self Guided June 1st to 3rd - council to provide chalk on June 4th only
- Note Positive messages only in the comms to parents.

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
 - Vote finalized Friday, May 15th and sent to Laurie with final choice
- Snacks:
 - Loblaws Gift Card - Holly following up. Planning to continue without it.
 - Purchase List -
 - Ice cream sandwiches
 - 5x boxes of ice cream sandwiches (125)
 - Freezies
 - 180 (3 boxes) of freezies (jumbo) - Left overs used at fun day
 - Chocolate bars (used 3 boxes at fall movie night)
 - 1 x Smarties
 - 1 x Aero / KitKat
 - Candy - SKIP
 - Napkins/wet wipes
- Tasks
 - Danielle to bring popcorn machine (day of? Day Before?)
 - Alisha to purchase items from Loblaws, Cass will purchase from Wholesale Club
 - Holly to get cash float
 - Michelle, Holly, Adrienne to bring coolers
 - Laurie to make signs & planner inserts
- Communications:
 - Update with movie selection for announcement on May 19th
 - Encourage bringing water bottles from home, stuffies but no other toys
 - Movie Theatre etiquette is encouraged
 - Older kids could make posters of the chosen movie to advertise in-school
 - Have chairs out available in the gym - but still able to bring the lawnchairs.
- Volunteers - 4:30 volunteers
- **ACTION:** Ask Danielle what time we need to start popping popcorn. Remind Danielle to give receipt for popcorn

Grade 6 Grad Ceremony (Cassandra & Danielle) - June 23rd, 2:20pm (doors open at 2:00pm)

- Balloon Arch confirmed
- Ideas: 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

- Current Agenda
 - Students enter for 2:20pm. (hallway clap from rest of school) - Doors open to parents/guardians and grandparents at 2pm?
 - Opening remarks by James.
 - Slideshow.
 - Closing remarks by James.
 - Some time for photos, activities with families.
 - 1 cupcake provided by us per student.
 - Tori is going to decorate with balloons, etc. like she did last year.
 - Dismissal 3:10, if parents want to leave beforehand, can sign student out.
 - If council is happy to provide locks, I will hand those out to students the following day and take some time to teach students how to use them.

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

- Photobooth update - Photobooth is available.

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?
- 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
- Projector - Splitting payment?
- Annual Spending Guideline for Council funds - percentage cap to be spent on annual initiatives vs. long term projects.

- External Bank Account
 - The external bank account has not been used since June 2025 (the last time a deposit was made) at which point the balance was \$2,005.86. The bank charges a monthly account fee of \$4 and from July through Feb they have deducted a total of \$32, bringing the current balance to \$1,973.86 (as per the Feb statement). The account was also recently deactivated due to inactivity, which has now been restored.
 - With that in mind, is the school planning any upcoming lottery activities? Additionally, is there a plan to utilize some or all of the funds that have been raised?

6. New Business

- Add raffle funds to the June agenda.

7. Adjourn Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Meeting Schedule (Subject to change)

Thursday (6:30-7:30)

Jun 11 – Minute taker - Michelle

Key Dates:

- May 29 - 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>