

Darwin School

Darwin Parents' Association (DPA)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday January 23, 2019

Attendance: Lisa Clark (Chair), Sarah Kelly (Vice Chair), Shawna Bartlett (Secretary), 6 Additional Parents

Quorum: Yes

Principal: Nicholas Kelly

Childcare provided by Grade 7 & 8 students.

All parents are invited to attend. Any ideas, thoughts and suggestions are always welcome. If you cannot attend but have a question or an idea you would like discussed at the next meeting, please email: Darwin Parents' Association darwinparentsassociation@gmail.com and it will be brought to the table.

Call to order: 6: 30 pm

Lisa Clark (Chair), Mr. Nicholas Kelly (Darwin Principal)

We would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty One Territory. We recognize the land on which we gather as the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dene, Dakota peoples and the homeland of the Red River Metis. With this acknowledgement, we demonstrate respect for Indigenous people and we celebrate a renewed relationship with one another moving forward.

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Welcome and thank you for coming! Introduction of our attendees. Guest: Superintendent Mr. Christian Michalik sends his regrets, he is unable to attend.

Proposed Agenda:

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- Motion- Lisa Clark made a motion to approve the Proposed Agenda
- Motion Seconded by: Dianna Wiens
- Motion passed

General Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2018 as presented
- Motioned by: Lisa Clark, 2nd by: Shawna Bartlett
- Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Marcia Petterson per Lisa Clark

- Motion to approve December 2018 Treasurer Report by Lisa Clark, Marcia unable to attend
- Seconded by: Pam Rhode
- All in favor, none opposed, voted passed

Major Projects: Sarah Kelly

Discussion of the garden on pause with the inclement fall weather.

Waiting to hear back from Derrick for a Quote.

More details to follow at the meeting in March.

MAPC: Lisa

Shawna and Marcia will be attending the MAPC Breakfast at Sun Valley School on Feb 2, 2019.

Correspondence: Lisa

Healthy Hunger cheque \$77 for Subway Lunch received.

Old Business: Lisa Clark

Red River Co-op fundraiser coupons will hopefully be coming out soon, and we are partnering with two other schools, possibly Minnetonka and Julie Riel.

SWFIC Babysitters course will be run March 1, 2019 with a cost of \$30 per student, plus an \$85 instructor fee. Pizza Lunch to be provided by the DPA.

Send in any Old Darwin wear attention to Maureen Nash for distribution to other Students.

New Business: Lisa Clark/Amanda Murray

We have been granted the WestJet Gift of Flight Raffle fundraiser. Ticket booklets will be distributed beginning Feb 25th.

With a draw date of April 24th at the DPA Meeting.

Possibly having Linda Patterson signing out raffle books in the Library during school hours.

PAC Succession Planning: Discussion

Lisa Clark will be stepping down in June 2019 and we will need a new Chairperson.

We also need to have a new fundraising person/team.

We don't have anyone currently to run the School BBQ/ Fall Event and will be looking to create a new team for that.

Fundraising:

Open position for fundraising team! We need someone to handle fundraisers for 2019 and beyond.

Fun Lunch: Shawna

The next Fun Lunch is Papa Johns Pizza on Friday February 8th.

Events: Dianna

Caroling night had a great turn out but we do need to have a more formal plan to curb the extreme enthusiasm.

Hot chocolate was well received. Yoga and Smoothie night on January 31th in the gym with instructor, Derek Pang.

Staff Appreciation: Shawna

January 22, 2019: An assortment of healthy veggies and dips, salty treats and delicious sweets were provided to thank the staff during the monthly meeting to say we appreciate all that they do for our kiddos.

Principal's Report: Nicholas Kelly

Admin Report:

Staffing – No staffing updates at this time. Ms. Kerri Bush is expecting and will be on a maternity leave next school year.

General Information

- We are sitting at 239 students as of 01/23/19.
- K-6 Winter Concert was very successful and a nice way for Ms. Roscoe to kick off her teaching career.
- Grade 7 & 8 Band and Guitar concert is on Thursday, January 24th, 2018
Doors open at 6:30pm.
- LRSD ISP students from Germany as of December (Grade 1 & Grade 7)
This brings our number of International Students at Darwin School to 8.

New student in grade one from Minnetonka School.

Early Years

Our Darwin School Pow Wow dancers make up the largest group from an individual school at the LRSD Pow Wow club that runs every other Wednesday.

Mr. Coates is running the BOKS program which is a free physical activity program that improves our children physically, mentally and socially by strengthening their minds and bodies through movement. Our Grade 7 & 8 students will give back to Darwin School as leaders in this program which will target our Grade 3/4 classes. The program runs in the morning before school starts in the gym on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Intramurals are running each day of the cycle in the gym. After Winter Break, the 7/8's will be giving up their Intramural spot and working as student leaders with the grade 1&2 students.

Ms. Nash is running a Yoga program in the grade 3&4 classes with Derek Pang from the BOKS program. This programming has moved from the optional noon hour time slot to during the school day as part of the grade 3&4 program.

Middle Years

- Grade 7/8 Overnight trip to Camp Red Rock on Feb. 20th / 21st / 22nd
\$200.00 total cost of the trip. It would be an Outdoor Education theme i.e. Ice Fishing / Cross Country Skiing / Quinzee Building / Survival Skills / Skating / Sliding / Etc.

Ms. Klassen, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Coates, Mr. Church, Mr. Kelly

Professional Learning Days

February 1st, 2019 – James Nottingham (England) at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. This is a joint professional learning day with St. James-Assiniboia School Division.

March 1st, 2019 – School Planning for 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 as well as time spent on Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, January 24 th , 2019	Grade 7 & 8 Winter Concert Grade 5/6 (CM) Winnipeg Harvest Field Trip
Wednesday, January 30 th , 2019	Grade 8 Transition Visit to Dakota Collegiate Grade 5/6 (NC) Project 11 Field Trip K-8 LRSD Pow Wow Club
Thursday, January 31 st , 2019	Grade 3 / 4 WISE Workshop at Darwin DPA Yoga & Smoothie Night
Tuesday, February 12 th , 2019	LRSD Public Budget Meeting 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
Wednesday, February 13 th , 2019	Nelson McIntyre Collegiate Grade 9 Program Presentation (Project Based Learning)
Thursday, February 14 th & 15 th , 2019	Natural Helpers Retreat (Selected Grade 6, 7 & 8 students)
Tuesday, February 19 th , 2019	Judith Koeller (University of Waterloo) working with our Grade 7 & 8 students on the importance financial literacy and careers require strong mathematical skills.
Tuesday, February 19 th / 20 th & 21 st	Grade 7 & 8 Winter Camp
Wednesday, February 20 th , 2019	School Wide Pancake Breakfast (Festival du Voyageur)
Wednesday, February 27 th , 2019	Pink Shirt Day/ DPA Movie Night / DPA Coffee House
Wednesday, March 20 th , 2019	Monthly DPA Meeting with Special Guests

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm