

**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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 31<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\$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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – James Nottingham (England) at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. This is a joint professional learning day with St. James-Assiniboia School Division.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Grade 7 & 8 Winter Concert  
Grade 5/6 (CM) Winnipeg Harvest Field Trip

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Grade 3 / 4 WISE Workshop at Darwin  
DPA Yoga & Smoothie Night

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

LRSD Public Budget Meeting  
6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Nelson McIntyre Collegiate Grade 9  
Program Presentation (Project Based  
Learning)

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Natural Helpers Retreat (Selected Grade 6, 7 & 8 students)

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Grade 7 & 8 Winter Camp

Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

School Wide Pancake Breakfast (Festival du Voyageur)

Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Pink Shirt Day/ DPA Movie Night / DPA Coffee House

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Monthly DPA Meeting with Special Guests

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm**