

Arklan Parent Council – Tuesday January 15th

Present: Sue, Chryssy, Stacie, Todd, Laura, Julia, Nancy, Natalie, Lyanne, Johann

Principal's Report:

- Walking Club started (a couple of times a week). Anyone can join. It's in the gym.
- Slime Club hasn't started yet, however an eager student is running it. Will be located in the library.
- Writers Club. 10-15 kids. Not a social club. Opportunity to come in and use the ipads. No games or videos, only writing.
- Basketball just starting. Jr Girls and Boys. March-April tournament to come.
- Started looking at hockey. Hockey can only be offered to grade 5/6. Kids also need to already be on a team outside of school (for skill build/conditioning). Still exploring possibilities here.
- Winter Carnival Event? In the past, weather never seems to co-operate. We've booked Momentum for a dance program, trying to co-ordinate something with it. Cost for Momentum is \$4250 (school is covering the cost) While half of the school dances, the other half can do something winter oriented (ie. skating, a drama workshop, sledding, snow shoeing etc.) and swap.
- 10 new laptops are in and 10 free speakers (due to confusion with original order) from Dell.
- Playground update:
 - Rules for loan – max 5 year term, open. Need to demonstrate a pay back plan. \$24,800 is the max we can borrow based on our current financials.
 - We'll get a better update next meeting Stacie still trying to connect with Plant
 - \$35,000 potential budget to work with
 - Playgroup sub committee to start next meeting
- Math day – February 22nd. Grade 6s to take the lead. Various centres will be set up throughout the school. Focus is to make math fun. Parents will be invited to attend as well. This is the first one. Pro-grant was just approved which is tied to mathletes. \$1000 grant which will be used to purchase materials/snacks.
- February 14th/15th school will have a dance. Probably the 14th. Kids dance during their gym block. Treats will be available for purchase in which the profit will go back to the school.
- "Scientists in the class rooms". Cost is \$2925 for the school. Possible expenditure from parent council once play yard improvement budget is determined.

Year to Date:

- Our account balance is just over \$13,000 to date
- We have a \$2800 credit with scholastic from our book fair
- \$960 credit from Indigo Love of Reading program
- Deferring financial decisions until our next meeting as we need to know what our play yard budget is.

Moving Forward:

- Trivia night is approved!
 - Laura to create a flyer and will post on Facebook (Arklan, Legion, CP Chamber of Commerce pages etc.) Note – cannot advertise that alcohol is available through Legion
 - Profits from Trivia night must be placed in a safe location. Laura has an office safe. Must be brought to the school Monday morning.
 - Natalie is in charge of silent auction – she's already collected many items!
 - Moe from Spartan – possible pizza deal (Julia to contact)
 - 50/50 draw – need to apply for a license (Lyanne to call)
 - More instructions to follow in what's app – possible sub committee meeting to work out logistics
- Natalie: Donation Request template (see document handed out)
 - Natalie is currently collecting free items locally (possible silent auction items)
 - Independent is already donating for Family Fun Night. A log to be created as to who has been contacted for donations.
- December 1st, criterion license expired. New license will cost \$350-\$400. TBD if we want to renew.
- After March Break – "Date Night". Offer child care for a "drop and dine" event. Reach out to local restaurants to see if they would be willing to offer Arklan parents a discount that same night. Friday March 22nd, 2019. (Stacie/Sue to check if school is available)
- Restaurant Crawl? To discuss further
- Family Fun Night
 - Julia has a list of food purchased from last year – cut list in half. Have a "runner" available to get extra food if we look like we are running out. Julia will co-ordinate with Independent and let us know.
 - Check with Independent to see if they offer pre-cooked burger patties (as opposed to purchasing from M&M)
 - Event is scheduled for Thursday May 30th
 - Will check to see if a bouncy castle is a possibility
 - An Arklan parent owns a photo booth. Natalie to check if this is a possibility
 - Cotton Candy rental?
- Natalie will research if metals can be donated for virtual run. We will start there.
 - Metals could be handed out at the spirit assembly in front of the school
- Mom's Pantry (spices, baking supplies etc.) make 35% of sales back in profit. Made an \$800 profit last year. Purchases can be ordered online. Chryssy to lead. Order forms to go out the 21st of March and to be returned by April 2nd.
- Another movie night? Chryssy to check if a one-time movie can be purchased and if so, how much would it cost.

Next meeting – Tuesday February 5th 6:30pm