

Arklan Parent Council – September 25th

Present: Chryssy, Sue, Todd, Lindsay, Tiffany, Rohan, Laura, Julia, Lyanne, Stacie, Richard

- Chryssy elected as Chair
- Lyanne elected as Secretary

Principal's Report:

EQAO results will be mailed out this week

Computer lab is renovated. Mini robots (coding), green screen, lego, technology club. 14 desktops have been moved into the class rooms. Brand new laptops are portable.

Boys/Girls soccer and track starting (starts in grade 4)

Maybe a Halloween dance – during phys ed time. Fundraiser

Terry fox is this Thursday at 10:45am

Orange shirt day on Monday

Teacher face off – minute to win it on Friday – Spirit assembly

Camera is being installed on one of our buses – to/from Carambeck daycare. Ongoing issues, over silliness. When an adult is on the bus, no issues. Can't have an adult on every ride unfortunately. Camera will allow full perspective of what's going on.

Choir will be available for all age groups when Ms Harron returns from her knee surgery

Piano lessons confirmed for 1 day a week. – Community use protocol needs to be followed (insurance piece required) Guitar lessons might be a possibility as well.

Next meeting – information session around new sex ed curriculum, what's included/not and how can we as a parent council share our potential concerns with our provincial government. Discovery math – removal of "drill and kill". Accounting skills are still there (return to basics)

Council Events Planned for 2018-2019

- Parent Council Newsletter
- Parent Council Mail Box will be added to the office (suggestions, volunteer forms etc.)

- Potential parent Arklan Facebook group for parents (Arklan Parents) – Laura will set it up. To be used outside of school advertised events
- Current funds, a little over \$10,000
 - o Playground ideas are still on the table
 - o Interest free loan is still an option
 - o Stacie will follow up with the board for yard approved ideas
- Indigo love of reading is currently on, October 7th deadline
- Little Caesars, October 1st due back October 25th November 14th order pick up
- Scholastic book fair Dec 12th. "The enchanted forest" will be the theme. Last week before the holidays.
- Family fun night, May 30th Ideas:
 - o Dunk tank?
 - o Pie in the face
 - o Dump bucket of water
- Mabel's labels – enter Arklan's name and school gets 15% back
- Movie nights. December 1st our Criterion contract will be up.
 - o Start time should be the same as the Lego movie night as last year, "package" entry charge and checking calendar for "other" CP events.
 - o Commercial popcorn machine from Insurance company or Re/Max
 - o Snack donations from grocery store
 - o October 19th possible date for first movie night – Hotel Transylvania 3 (?)
- Businesses pay \$25.00 to add business items in handout bags (100 bags)
- Kids gift wrapping during Christmas time. \$1.00 a present. During book fair (?)
- Christmas re-sale event. Parents donate items and students can purchase items for family/friends for Christmas
- Play yard ideas – sub committee, Lindsay will lead
 - o Grant ideas
 - o Pick up from the work done from last year
 - o Paint games on asphalt (ie. hop scotch) Valley paint possible contact (Todd to reach out)

Proposed Spending:

- Bike racks need upgrading (current rack is too narrow for today's bike tires) \$1000ish for bike racks to be replaced – Chryssy and Todd to price out
- Chryssy to approach the teachers for money requests (as opposed to flat \$200 to each class room)
- Self image public speaker. Visits each class. Grant can be applied for.

Next meeting – Tuesday October 9th (one week before the movie night) 6:30