

Arklan Parent Council - Tuesday April 2nd, 2019

Present: Chryssy, Kate, Stacie, Sue, Tracey Pence, Julia, Lyanne, Laura, Johann, Richard, Todd

Principal's Report:

- Math Day part 2 – kinder version. 10th and 11th. The games in the front display are being used. Are available for parents to borrow. IODE, women's group in the area, provided the school with a \$250 grant.
- Basketball is all done. It was a fun day. 10 kids on the team, parents all came to support the whole day. Didn't do very well results wise, but still a great day.
- Two weeks of Momentum. Live streamed on FB. Kids had a lot of fun. Simon is really great. Two weeks was a lot better, more time with the kids.
- E-mail yesterday from Plant (Board Wide), fields are closed. Very soggy.
- "Boot Camp" implemented after March break. Zero tolerance for hands on. If they are caught, detention for a week.
- Sipsa update. Addition and subtraction strategies. Kids are struggling with multiplication and division concepts. EQAO grade 6 – working on problem solving. Developing some learning goals to help build skill sets. With Grade 6s and grade 5s.
- Staffing: speech language assistant, Rebecca, has been hired. Some letters went home to parent receiving services.
- Retirement letter received from Mr. Farrell. End of April.

Yard Improvements:

- Last meeting budget was discussed. Proposal, \$10K down payment from our current account, \$10K from Plant, \$15K from Board loan payable interest free over 3 years (open term).
 - o Vote: Unanimous – For
- Next steps, Stacie will go to the board for the loan details.
- Sub committee to determine our wants. Plant will then get us ideas/plans/quotes.
- Only other potential stall is if there may be other construction happening this summer. Paving is supposed to be repaired. Cannot have two contractors on site at the same time.
- Potentially, structure will be in this summer 😊
- Stacie will provide the sub committee a catalogue for ideas.
- It will be installed between the primary and junior yards.
- Kinder yard improvements. Will ask kinder teachers for requests. Will ask parents on the Arklan parent page for donations.

Family of School Council Meeting (Todd):

- Reps from all the schools CP, Beckwith to Pakenham
- Everyone talked about something they liked happening (we have a play structure coming)
- Everyone then shared their concerns. Staffing issues (time to fill positions, specific to French immersion) Bussing was an issue at every school. The board has a deficit towards bussing costs.
- Donald Cram (trustee), Bill Lowshaw (Superintendent), Steve Sliwa (Director) were there.

- Caldwell has building maintenance concerns. Caldwell is on a re-build list. Not sure where and when that may happen.
- CP high school is over crowded. 5 portables. None of them are accessible.
- School board is aware of crowding issues. No immediate solutions were shared.
- Autism budget changes were brought up, however unclear of the impact at this time.
- School websites have a spot for minutes to be posted, Stacie will send them in.
- We can invite Donald Cram to any of our PC meetings upon request.

Current Events:

- Mom's Pantry orders will be sent off Thursday. Delivery will probably be within 2 weeks. Chryssy will send out a note when delivery date is set and seek potential volunteers. \$2100 in sales. Average 35% back, \$736 estimated profit. Easy fundraiser.
- Spending requests – Kinders Mrs. Coleman is looking for Dollarstore gift cards (\$200 per class). Scientist in the school is another potential ask.
 - o \$100 x 4 gift cards for Dollar Store – approved unanimous.
- Kinder – yard and/or class room wish lists. Bring to office. Plastic bags are very much appreciated too.
- Julia – contact Walmart for potential donated art supplies

Upcoming/Proposed Events:

- Date Night drop off – will revisit next year
- Family Fun Night
 - o We get a \$500 marketing budget every year. Get some branded Arklan swag as prizes for Family Fun Night. Used some of these funds for the advertising for Trivia Night. Use the remaining funds or we lose it.
 - o Games – staff volunteer. Send Chryssy ideas. Chryssy will make a board for teachers to sign up. Possible minute to win it theme.
 - o Silent Auction with left over items from various events.
 - o May 30th (Thursday)
 - o Independent has committed to donating water and hot dogs. Might still get more.
 - o Volunteers:
 - BBQ – Richard, Kevin and Julia
 - Popcorn – Laura to see if machine is available
 - Cotton Candy – Julia to see cost
 - Ticket sales – Chryssy and someone else
 - Runner – one person
 - Silent Auction - one person
 - Prize table – one person

Next Meeting May 7th @6:30 PM