

Arklan Parent Council – Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Present: Stacie, Sue, Lindsay, Johann, Lyanne, Richard, Cheryl, Julia, Laura, Kate, Chryssy, Todd

#### Principal's Report:

- Monday was music Monday. Lots of people were here.
- Track and Field is tomorrow (grades 4, 5, 6)
- Sports: in the planning stages for Softball with Beckwith and Caldwell
- EQAO – Tuesday after long weekend. Grade 3s first (21<sup>st</sup> – 25), then Grade 6s (27 – 30). 6 hour long sessions for each grade. That wipes out May. Reading, writing scores tend to be ok. Math varies year to year.
- Kinder Math days, with grade 6s. Really successful and all enjoyed.
- Math Games are back out for parents/families to borrow. Sign out sheets are in the office/conference room. (see Sue)

#### Yard Improvements:

- We are done! Stacie met with Plant on Friday. Budget approved. "Wish List" submitted. He'll have a quote in a couple of weeks. Should be installed by the end of September the latest. Will also depend on contractor availability.
- Stacie will send quotes out via e-mail and we can vote electronically.
- \$10K down payment, we currently have enough to cover next year's \$5000 payment. We'll be able to fundraise in advance for the next school year's payment.
- Next phase, Kinder yard improvements. Kinder orientation is next Tuesday. Chryssy will be there with a Parent Council booth.

#### Family Fun Night:

- Pre-order sheets will be going home for food.
- This year, tickets will be used for food to keep track of what is purchased.
- Teachers sign up for activities to run.
- Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:00.
- Branded prizes from 4Imprint. \$170 to buy 1000 Arklan tattoos. (could also set up a Tattoo stand) Bookmarks \$160 for 500. Sunglasses \$405 for 300. Budget is \$500. Beachballs \$312 for 250. Frisbees \$345 for 500. Pencils \$145 for 500. Vote held - Tattoos and Frisbees it is!
- Volunteers:
  - o BBQ – Richard, Julia & Kevin (Richard will confirm BBQ rental - \$30 delivery/propane charge)
  - o Ticket Table – Johann & Kate
  - o Popcorn – Laura
- Waters, burgers and hot dogs will be provided free of cost from the Independent Grocer. Condiments will be included as well if we purchase their buns and juice boxes. Going forward, if we give the Independent our numbers in the Fall, they can get as much as possible free from their suppliers.
- Will need aluminum trays. Big Freezies/Popsicles. Julia will ask the Independent for options.

#### Current Events:

- Intersection parent concerns - ongoing problem. Crossing guard, Stacie and a parent have reported the incident to the OPP. Encourage parents to continue to report occurrences as they happen.
  - o Request a school zone on McNeely?
  - o Request two crossing guards?
  - o Crossing guard to wear a go pro?
  - o Parent reminder of bi-law rules
  - o Recommend reaching out to Donald Cram (school board trustee) for advocacy
- Scientists in school. 3 workshops booked. They will cover 2, we only need to pay for 1. \$199. Offered to push the program into the fall. Offer will be extended for the next 3 years. No objections to this spending.
- Criterion license. E-mail came in last week that our invoice is due. We are supposed to give them 90 days notice to cancel our membership. We still have a free pre-release. We can use it for our first fund raiser in the Fall. Chryssy to see if our renewal period can start now given we haven't used it all year.

#### Upcoming/Proposed Events for 2019-2020:

- Indigo Adopt a School, Little Caesar's Pizza Kits and Scholastic Book Fair: all good to go again.
- Pampered Chef – 10% kick back, not very high compared to others we use (ie. Mom's Pantry, Little Caesar's). Chryssy will decline.

Next Meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> @6:30 pm – Year End