

BACS PSS

January 24, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: Jared Thompson, Shawna Warren, Jerome Chabot, Kessia Brenneis, Suzanne Bielert, Carly Rigler, Debbie McEachren, Courtney Boddez, Lacey Laing, Carmen Siemens, Brittany Zilinski, Stefanie Dawson, Cindy Briggs, Elizabeth Fokkema, Kirsten Sorrell

- 1) Commencement & Land Acknowledgement
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
 - Accepted by Suzanne, seconded by Stephanie
- 1) Adoption of November 22 Meeting minutes.
 - Accepted by Suzanne, seconded by Lacy
- 2) New Business
 - a) Treasurer Report
 - (i) Christmas Concert earnings:
 - \$173 earned from morning 50/50 DRAW in morning, evening 50/50 was \$500 and then the winner donated back \$100
 - Best Seat in the house sold \$166 in tickets
 - Total overall revenue was \$939
 - Food bank earnings - money is not counted, collected and handed in
 - b) Fundraising report
 - Poinsettia & Mundare Fundraiser
 - Total money in was \$23,196, disbursements were \$16,393.21, there was one refund and resulting net profit was \$6802.70
 - \$7741.79 total raised to date, still remaining is the cash calendar at which there is a minimum sale of \$2,500. Sales will start earlier March, wrapping up before Spring Break
 - c) Hot lunch report
 - No updated to provide, February ordering available
 - d) Outdoor Projects Group update:

Firstly, need to acknowledge that this is a long term project, 5-10 years. Lacey gave an update into research completed to date and this included details on a company (PlayQuest) in which they would fundraise, write grants, etc. School Division will have ultimate say and if they didn't choose Play Quest we would have to pay back costs for grant writing. Other option is that we take money out of the legacy fund, cost is \$250 per grant and have this company writes the grants, success rate is 90%. Lacey gave context on how the process works in terms of starting the grant application process and discussions she has been a part of with the respective company.

- Discussion expanded into how we can begin planning for this, where is the money going to come from? Whether to use a grant writer or not.
- Administration will step in to take on the planning and then will be the ones to come forward to the PSS with the proposal, subject to approval. Plan will be brought forward for next meeting with more detailed costs and plans for the consideration of a motion for an approval of a grant writer.
- Kessia spoke on behalf on the Administration:
 - Initial ask at the beginning of the year was multiple land spaces for inclusive learning and to apply foundational learning for the benefit of the whole community and school.
 - The first phase of this would be the outdoor classroom, which was submitted through the casino application. First phase is to build an amphitheater with existing berm and trees. After funds are received from casino a company will come out in the spring to begin drafting plans. At that point the school will share plans with parents and the town to proceed forward.
 - Phase 2 is updating the basketball courts, removing the sand under the swings to increase accessibility, fixing the fence at the back of property that currently has a large hole. Note this is being looked at with the town. Looking at creating another outdoor space with additional trees also.
 - Phase 3 would be updating the playground structure and outdoor equipment. This is a large and lengthy process and so the process has been started to begin researching grants that might be available.
 - In speaking with other schools the timing seems good in terms of grant availability and coming out of COVID.

e) Joint Use update:

- Gym is available for booking birthday parties, \$60 for residents to book for three hours.
- Sanitizing dishwasher would require a new heating element as well as the stove requires fixing.

f) LS Update

- LS casino was December.
- No fundraising right now.

g) Outdoor Rec. program (Jared)

- Archery club has started at BACS
 - 27 kids signed up for the first session
 - Pioneer Trail North and LS equipment was utilized.
 - Kids will have the chance to participate in a tournament with LS, February 25th and T-shirts have been ordered

5. Unfinished Business

a. Budget for school year

- Lacey presented draft budget
- Motion put forward to vote on the budget from Lacey, passed

b. Research into bylaw restrictions

- Important to note that the bylaws were consulted as a result of the previous meetings discussion around providing a lunch to teachers, this is permissible and valued.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:19pm

Next Meeting to be February 28, 2023