

BACS PSS Agenda

April 25, 2023

Attendance: Jared Thompson, Kessia Brenneis, Suzanne Bielert, Carly Rigler, Debbie McEachren, Courtney Boddez, Lacey Laing, Brittany Zilinski, Cindy Briggs, Stephanie Dawson, Carmen Siemens, Kate Fluery

Special Guests: – Kelly (Playquest), Kim Street (KJ Street Consulting)

1. Commencement & Land Acknowledgement

Called to order at 6:34pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

Accepted by Jared, seconded by Stephanie

3. Adoption of Meeting minutes. (FEB 2023)

Accepted by Stephanie, seconded by Jared

4. New Business

a. Treasurer Report

- \$19,136.83 account balance.

b. Fundraising report

- 260 cash calendars sold, profit of \$2,700.

c. Playground upgrade presentation/d. Grant Writer presentation

- Lacey lead discussion of current concerns with existing playground including age and accessibility issues. Reviewed photos of current structure.
- Goals include increasing appeal of the school, tie into the community (dark sky community and Indigenous roots).
- From Kim/Kelly: process works by starting with an introduction, vision and discussion. From there, if engaged they start with a plan of action – this includes analysis of local grants that would be applicable. Application is prepared within a Word document for review before submission. Assistance would be provided to review any questions that come back and once successful grants are received would also help to advise what to do with funds in interim (eg. Invest in GIC). Advice provided to set budget at \$250K in order to best position grant matching CFAP which is up to \$125K. Applications will be tailored to match the grant criteria. Did note that cannot change the vision from a playground to let's say spray park. Donations in kind can be used for the matching contributions. There is an expectation of \$20K to be raised by the group, can be casino funds, the remainder can be grants. Discussion held around impact of COVID, and in

fact seeing great success in rural areas right now. Seen success in nearby communities in and around two years.

- If Playquest is chosen as the supplier than the costs of the grant writing would be reimbursed to us. Explanation was provided as the process for deciding by the school and the division, at the end of raising the funds there will be three quotes obtained before final supplier would be chosen.
- Sample layouts and products were showcased by the supplier.
- Need to qualify for CFAP application at three intervals in the year - May 15, September 15 and January 15. To qualify you need to have the \$20K in your account for application.

e. Grant writer vote

- Lacey moved to choose Playquest as the supplier for the playground project at BACS, along with hiring Kim Street as the grant writer.
 - Discussion was held around the logistics of starting a sub-committee within the PSS
 - Carried

f. Hot lunch report

- McDonalds (April 26) is the last scheduled hot lunch. TBD for May/June considering fieldtrips schedules.

g. Outdoor Classroom update (Mr. Chabot/Ms. Brenneis)

- Dusty Renos came out to give a quote and recommendations. Asked for a timber gazebo structure with foundation, quoted at \$25, benches in berm \$15k, additional concrete walkway \$7.5k, engineering \$7.5k, excavation \$3.5k, total of all costs is \$61,425. Hoping for donations in kind, potential for support from division.
- Next step is to ensure that berm can be used and there is no electrical or anything else underground.

h. Rubber Duck river race July 7 '23

- Duck Race to be held in Gibbons, tickets will be sold at \$20 each.
- Prize for first duck to cross the finish line, 1st place prize would be a Nintendo Switch and 2nd and 3rd would be cash prizes.
- Goal would be to sell 350 tickets a minimum, we have secured 1,000 tickets
- This would be announced as a part of the playground initiative.
- Discussion held around who is responsible for this event, best date, AGLC license. Decided on June 29, 2023.

Motion put forth by Lacey to plan a rubber duck river race on June 29, 2023. Motion passed.

i. Joint Use update & LS Update

-Dishwasher repair, request was made to look into repairs for the heating element as a part of the commercial school kitchen. Once report received from AHS, this and any other potential issues will be brought forward.

5. Unfinished Business

i. Casino volunteers

- Sufficient volunteers have been confirmed.

ii. Drumheller fieldtrip grade 4.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next Meeting to be May 23, 2023