

Fort Saskatchewan Catholic School Parent Society Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

In attendance:

Sam LeDrew	Amber Eastman	Barb Lemmens	Vera Mazurak
CallyAnn Perks	Janette Adamyk	Trina Gudelot	Robert Stecyk
Terra Slaby	Sam Cooper	Ryan Clark	

- Meeting called to order** by Sam LeDrew
 - 7:15-Technical issues with the link not working, sorry for the delay
- Lord's prayer** (Amber Eastman)
- Territory acknowledgement** by Sam LeDrew
- Approval of the agenda** by Vera Mazurak Seconded by Amber Eastman
- Grants**
 - CFEP (Alberta grant). We received ~\$68,000. Shell grant received \$5000. Thank you to the government and Shell. Also a huge thank you to our Vice-Chair Amber who has applied for most of our grants!
- Financial Statements (Barb Lemmens)**
 - We had a starting balance of \$11,168.41 January 2020.
 - We have since raised \$103,995.49 for a total of \$115,163.90. Great work everyone!
- Positions held on Council:** No other nominations, positions stayed:
Samantha LeDrew-Chair
Amber Eastman- Vice Chair
Barb Lemmens- Treasurer
Vera Mazurak- Secretary
- Commercial install**
 - It was determined that \$1050 could be saved if we used volunteers to build the playground. However, there are several other costs related to having volunteers do it. Including purchasing our own concrete, insurance, equipment and tool rentals etc. dropping the savings significantly.
 - All volunteers would be required to have PPE (hard hats, steel toed boots and gloves) which would limit the number of people who can help.
 - A minimum 540 volunteer hours would be required. (3- 8 hour days with 15-20 volunteers the whole time plus 3 half days with 15-20 volunteers.)
 - It seems unrealistic to try to do this as a volunteer group during a pandemic that could prevent gatherings and thus halting the build and incurring further expenses.
 - The company provided a discount by building it at cost for the actual building part of the playground.
 - Decided to go with the company install.

9. Fundraising

- \$3155.00 was raised from the bottle drive that took place in November. A huge thank you to the volunteers for handing out flyers and collecting bottles. Without you this wouldn't be as successful!
- An additional amount of funding is required \$9177.10 in order to meet our final goal for the selected playground. We also would like to have a 10% contingency. Any extra funds will go to the second phase of our multi-school project.
- Next bottle drives
 - January 17th 11-2 at JP11 (drop off only)
 - April 11- Another flyer handout and pick up but depends on the COVID restrictions
 - We typically raise \$2000+ each bottle drive.
- OLA School Council
 - Potential donation coming from OLA- to be voted on
- JP2 School council
 - voted to donate money but the amount is yet to be decided and voted on.
- Wear a hat day
 - \$2 donation- Tentatively end of January.
- "Throw the teacher in jail"
 - Students will fundraise for a couple of weeks and any class that raises \$100 or more gets to "throw their teacher in jail" and get 2 periods to watch a movie. Lunch that day would be pizza for pre-purchase to raise extra funds. Personal boxes sorted by classroom to be handed out by teachers to ensure Covid protocols (Tentatively Feb)
- Powerschool
 - An option for families to donate through powerschool online will be available in the coming weeks- email to follow.
- Big Box Card fundraiser
 - \$11 per box sold - determined it probably wouldn't be a feasible option.
- Grocery cards
 - too small a margin
- Tupperware
 - looking into
- Epicure
 - looking into
- Decided to deal with the planned fundraisers and return to this discussion at the February meeting. Asking everyone to think of Covid safe fundraisers we could run.

10. UPDATES

- A full tendering procedure was completed, we included EICS reps to help ensure we made the best decision based on quality, cost, warranty and company experience etc.
- Through the tendering process, 4 proposals were received. One has been chosen and we are now working on a contract with the selected company. Once signed we will announce the company along with the playground design. We can't wait to show you!

- Delivery is a 6-8 week wait and the plan is for the 1st/2nd week of April with a 20 day timeline to complete, dependent on the frost and weather.
- Playground will be mainly in school colors (burgundy, silver) but some pieces only available in dark green

11. Next meeting Feb 22 at 7 pm- We look forward to seeing you there.

Any comments or questions can be emailed to us: fsplaygroundsociety@gmail.com