

D.) Playground Update

The playground is done!! Strathcona County and Canadian Recreation Solutions worked overtime getting it ready so it would be open by the time the kids are back.

We had the inspection with Alberta Recycling last week for the \$30,000 grant for the pour in place.

The grand opening is next Thursday, September 29th at 11:30 am. There will be a short formal program and then a BBQ.

A couple fun facts about the playground:

- It's about the same size as Broadmoor Lake playground
- It's about 2.5 times the size of the average playground in Strathcona County (they had to make 1.5 times more concrete molds for the barrier)
- Softline Solutions which did the rubber told me they use about 10 bags of rubber in the base (each bag is 2000 pounds). They used 25 in ours! There are 4687 recycled tires in the rubber foundation
- We got about 1/3 of the total playground footprint in the rubber and the cost of that was about \$100,000 which is why we couldn't afford to do more
- Originally Strathcona County pitched a replacement playground of \$150,000 and in the end, the value is just under \$300,000
- The spinner is the first to go in in the Edmonton area (but more are going in)
- The ship is the first in Alberta

We need to buy a blower to keep the sand at bay or it will wreck the rubber Amy Churchill moves to allocate up to \$400 for a blower. Matthew Bissett 2nd. All in favour: "Yes."

Our website www.beaplaygroundhero.com will expire in January and Jacquie is going to transfer it to Jedd Russell (Canadian Rec Solutions) so he can keep the story alive. He paid for the little splash of color on the pour in place and really worked so hard to make the dream a reality.

E.) Allocations for the Year

Jacque reported the 2016-2017 allocations for the year and asked for feedback. After discussion it was agreed upon that allocations are as follows:

Bussing for swimming:	Up to \$2000
Gr. 6 Year End :	\$300
Staff Luncheon:	\$250
Pancake Breakfast:	\$400
Crazy Bread :	\$350
Safety & Awareness:	\$200
Freezies for Track Day:	\$150
Alberta Opera:	\$1000
Tool Box:	\$100
Coffee Mornings:	\$200
Hotlunches.net:	\$400
Emergency Lunch Assistance	\$400

Bernie Hansen moves to accept the allocated funds for the year. Amy Churchill 2nd. All in favour: “Yes.”

F). Math Night

Sept. 27th is a math info night. A consultant will be coming in from EIPS to share with parents what the students need to learn and how we can support our children. Supper at 5:30 pm from Nitza’s followed by the presentation. Krystal Gibson moves to allocate \$350 to the math night. Amy Churchill 2nd. All in favour: “Yes.”

G). Library

Colleen shared that the library update began last year. Furniture and work still to come: 9 tables (folding and on wheels), additional soft seating, boomerang table, exterior shelves, mini MAC station. The estimated remaining cost is \$27,500.00 Colleen has \$12,000 set aside to go toward the library. Parents group will also do some fundraising to help. We will allocate funds as we go. Colleen is going to look into the cost of the individual/sections of exterior shelving. There was discussion on donors being able to “sponsor or adopt a shelf.” More to come on that.

The Courtyard was also brought up. The PLACE teacher would like to update and transform the courtyard into a sensory garden for the students. Her plans include a fairy garden, herb garden and colour garden. We will need to have a work bee to remove what needs to be cleared out.

H.) Water Bottle Filling Station

Next year Westboro will qualify for 1 or possibly 2 water bottle filling stations through IMR (Infrastructure Maintenance Rehabilitation) funding. It would cost us \$3500 a station to do it on our own, so we will really benefit from getting it for free next year through IMR.

I.) Crosswalk Pledge

We have a contest and pledge to send home. The school will donate 2 Millennium Place passes and we will also do 1 Christmas Concert package of 2 front row seats and 1 reserved parking spot.

J.) School Request

There are no school requests at this time other than to help out with the library.

I.) Open Questions

Heather Wieler asked if “Westboro” could be added to events on the school calendar. That way when parents download the calendar it labels it is a Westboro event. This helps parents who have children at more than one school keep events straight in their calendars.

Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Matthew Bissett moves to adjourn at 9:00 pm.