Playground Meeting Agenda April 4th, 2018

Meeting Start Time: 4:05 pm Meeting End Time: 5:35 pm

Members in attendance:

Lane Moore	Karla Wyld
Darci Cole	Tammy McDiarmid
Stephen Lush	Kelsey Ruttan
Marsha Lush	Sherry Haarstad
Leslie Anderson	Brenda Snow
Lindsay Morrison	

1. Play Quest Presentation/Questions/Answers

The committee made the decision via email in March to work with Play Quest to build the playground. Play Quest presented their revised playground structure and quotes based on our feedback with the committee. Generally, the committee was happy with the proposal and costs. Playquest is still open to making any necessary revisions if needed. The committee discussed a volunteer install vs. a full install by Play Quest but no decision was made yet. Play Quest is going to get back to the committee in regards to warranty on the asphalt in the sport court.

It was also suggested that it would be worth checking with the Bentley Fire department to see if they would be willing to sponsor or support the firetruck portion of the playground. It may also be possible to sell pieces of our old playground equipment to raise money as well.

2. Carnival Updates:

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

3. Art Gala Date

A date of Friday, October 12, 2018 has been set for the Art Gala at the Bentley Ag Centre. The Ag society has donated \$300 towards the cost of the \$500 venue. The committee is actively seeking donations from local artists to show and auction off at our art gala. Lane Moore will prepare a letter to distribute to parents/community members asking for their support.

4. Maker Fair - Sunday, May 13th (Mother's Day)

The leadership team will be selling bracelets and promoting the project at the Maker Fair on Sunday, May 13 (Bentley Community Hall) and on Saturday, Nov 24th in the Elementary Gym. All proceeds from the Nov 24th admissions will also go to the playground.

5. Other fundraising opportunities:

Lindsay Morrison will look into the possibility of doing an In-Dey-Go Fundraiser (http://www.indeygo.com/). They sell cookie dough, muffin dough, cinnamon buns, coffee & tees, beef jerky, fresh pasta and doggie treats. The company is 100% Alberta owned and operated in Canmore and we will see a 30-45% profit depending on quantity sold.

Carla Wyld will also check with S4 Greenhouses in regards to a veggie box fundraising idea she has.

The Town of Bentley will also be auctioning off a few Councillors and possibly the Mayor for a pie in the face fundraiser during the July 1 celebrations downtown. Any teachers or admin staff are also welcome to participate. All proceeds will go back to the playground.

6. Advertising

The committee discussed the email in regards to advertising costs for the Bentley Community Newsletter and were disappointed that they were not willing to offer any type of free advertising for the committee.

An advertising of budget of \$2000 has been set.

7. Sponsorship

The committee discussed the low level of returns on the Sponsorship packages. Lane Moore will draft a letter and update the Sponsorship packages with photos of the actual playground. We will also be sending home copies with all students in hopes of generating more interest. Committee members are encouraged to keep contacting business and to follow up with those who have been contacted already. GLDC has committed to making a donation and the Lacombe Generals have committed to providing manpower if they can be used in any way (ie., shooting station at the Carnival?). A number of grants have already been submitted as well.

8. Bentley Rodeo Committee

The Bentley Rodeo club will be donating all proceeds from their saddle sale/raffle. They are also wondering if we are interested in providing the bar services for the Bentley Rodeo. The committee was definitely interested and Lane Moore will look more into this to determine number of volunteers needed, etc.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 18 @ 7pm in the high school learning floor.