

Argyle School Parent Teacher Assoc. Regina Inc
ARGYLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SCC MEETING
Monday, April 3, 2017
Argyle School Library, 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order – **6:30pm**
2. Welcome and Introductions – **Adam Hicks, Tara Boutin, Aaron Dalziel, Mick Panko, Marlene Jackson, Marjorie Zech, Tricia Scott, Shelley Patterson, James Gates**
3. Additions to Agenda – **fund requests, Adam Hicks-a couple of items, talk about AGM. MOTION to add items. Aaron, SECOND-Marjorie, CARRIED**
4. Approval of minutes from March, 2017 – **a typing mistake - \$1,709 LIP balance, change to be made, MOTION to the adapted minutes as reported-Mick, SECOND-Aaron, CARRIED**

Adam's report

So impressed by Screenagers, with all the kids on the Friday and a good community turnout.

Appreciated the comments from students as had a chance to ask a few students after the screening what they thought.

There will be budget discussions tomorrow. Mick will be there Wednesday learning about the first round of decisions which have been talked about over the last month or so. There will more decisions closer to June. Talking with a couple of other SCC's, wondering if there would be interest in holding a budget decision info session. Do you think the parents that you represent would be interested in this? It could be information sharing, details about why decisions were made etc.

After discussion, we will keep this idea open until after the first round, a few days, weeks and we can send a message to Adam if we think this meeting would be a good idea. We could put together a group of Sheldon feeder school plus some of the other schools Adam represents and we could host in our library if we think it would be big enough.

We are doing a "Paint Night With Me", (parent and kid paint night) with Massey school as a test run fundraiser. Doing something fun with kids. As this will be our test, we will have more detailed numbers after. We are expecting approx. \$10 profit per person. The cost to attend will be \$30 for the first canvas and \$20 for each additional. We will use cash on line or evet bright for payment. We would need approximately a month and a half notice to have all the supplies ordered.

Thank you Adam for helping get arranged the Speed Sign placed outside. I believe it has helped, reminding people of their speed. It is a great community initiative. This is something that other schools could benefit from as well.

5. Old Business
 - a. Cookie Sale Fundraiser – update
We are so pleased with the total sales, \$12,000. Our profit was \$4,600

The cookies will be delivered Wednesday. There will be some extra boxes that can be bought when everyone is picking up. We will put a note on Facebook to let know of this.

Does anyone have space to freeze any extras? Let Marlene know.

Kelly Adams is terrific for all his work, putting it all together and making this fundraiser such a success.

Thank you Kelly!

b. "Screenagers" Film

To piggy back to what Adam said...

Thank you to everyone!

As the Sheldon principal and music teacher did the lighting and sound work that night, which saved us the cost of paying the students (\$90-\$45 each), we would like to get them a small gift in thanks. We agreed to buy 2 \$25 gift cards.

MOTION to purchase \$25 gift cards for both the principal and music teacher from Sheldon-Marlene, SECOND-Tara, CARRIED

Marlene did a Facebook advertising for \$30.00. We reached 2,000 people by Facebook. Aaron did have a friend who came and brought a friend because of this advertising. Thanks to Shelley for helping to figure out this advertising process.

We have the savings of \$90 from not paying the students as well as \$220 in donations at the door.

MOTION to cover Marlene's advertising costs after the fact for \$30.60-Mick, SECOND, James, CARRIED

Motion to cover Marlene advertising costs after the fact \$30.60 mick, Second james carried

Screenagers did create a base to start many different conversations regarding how we show up online, our digital citizenship. Mr. Lamb had given a questionnaire out to his students asking them what they learned and how to be a good digital citizen. The answers were very interesting to read.

Mrs. Pominville's class got bits and pieces from the show. As some of her students do already come with phones to class in grade 4-5, we again realize the importance of starting this conversation early.

6. Chair's Report

a. RBE SCC Parent Info night – follow up with Erik Van Dusen

Tara and I went to this. We did 2 sessions.

The Red Cross Respect Ed. We are already doing this here. Credit Mrs. Leopold and team for this. The kids enjoy and participate. It was nice to see from the other side and how parents can support.

Screen Time - Erik Van Dusen. He is an IT resource through RBE. It was really interesting and a build off and next step from Screenagers. Concrete tools, practical advice, ways to navigate with kids. How to introduce and being smart about it sooner....ie: Family facebook page. He was really great, easy to listen to. Canadian Parent's Guide to Digital Literacy.

- b. Year end SCC wrap up potluck/gathering?

Marlene would like to host a gathering of our SCC group, kids can hang out for the night, campfire with guitar. We can throw some dates out by email and see what we can find for a date.

Awesome!

Marlene is very proud of Tricia Scott, who was nominated for a Women of Distinction award. Congratulations and well deserved from everyone.

7. Vice Chair's Report

- a. Best Buy Grant

Thanks to Tara and Marlene for getting together yesterday to start working on the Best Buy \$10,000 Technology Grant to schools application.

First draft is describing your school, the need, what is your competitive edge.

There are 2 grants.

General school tech grant. Most will go to this one. This would be to improve or integrate, to advance student learning, library etc.

The other is a Stem school tech grant. This is about adding technology to programs, math, digital programming, digital media courses etc. There may be less applying for this one.

Felt that we may fit in the General category. But then thought as they are developing the Argyle News, this could be considered a course, digital media, You Tube producing, acting, technology, splicing audio and visual, etc. It could work into solving other issues. Engaging the kids in these processes, community building etc. How can we digitize communication with families? Fully replace paper. Putting it out in different media platforms. Digital leadership. We could leverage this example.

What kind of examples do we have for the General application.... Grades 4-6 use laptops...a need for more ipads for younger kids?

We will talk to staff to get input for what is the best way to use this. What would be the best benefit?

We have a few weeks before the deadline

Thanks for taking the lead on this.

8. Principal's Report

9. Treasurer's Report

We have \$19,000 balance in the account. We have not paid for the cookies yet. There is \$3,300 in outstanding liabilities. This will leave just under \$11,000.

The LIP has \$1,790

For info sake, an analysis of the Purdees Choc fundraiser option. Sales comparison of this to the QSP is approx. 35% of what we get from QSP sales. We could consider this at Easter every second year....alternate with the cookie sales.

We could work this option into the survey. Furthering the awareness, in the survey, we can get a sense of what people really know about the fundraising and events of the SCC. We could show a list of what things the SCC are involved in. Add a statement from teachers, the value of what the SCC fundraisers do for the classroom. Also put in all the things the SCC does that do not cost or are fundraisers.

We will be talking about fundraising at the September meeting.

Online banking - It is now available through Connexus for us to do this. A few years ago this was a problem. Consensus is that if this makes Aaron's job easier, this is an excellent decision. When convenient, Marlene, James and Aaron have to go in to sign to proceed to get this set up.

Thanks Aaron for your efficient, expertly done work.

10. New Business

- a. Proposal: Outside Improvements/Family work bee

Could be spend some of our money on sprucing up the grounds, outside space?

Adding mulch in area at front doors, plantings, fill with perennials, paint some hopscotch, games etc, paint bike stands. We could make a family day of doing this work. There is only one grounds crew for the whole division.

Ideas, possibilities....The City may have free mulch. The kids could paint rocks for making a border. Growing plants as a science class. Gator Park to look after in summer. Building a raised garden bed. Offer free garden space. Donations of perennials, Jane may have things to share. Ask for volunteers. Jed to bring topsoil in with pickup.

Throw out 2 dates....what will work better - May 27 or June 3?

Motion to spend on this. We will come back to this in May of how much to spend etc.

FUND REQUESTS – FROM LIP

Tricia presented

RAISING A TEEPEE. \$190. (Transport \$20, Facilitator \$100, Helper \$50, gift of Tabaco \$20)

Contacts at First Nations University

This would incorporate the whole school, k-8. It is a big Teepee. They will raise 4 times to break down into smaller groups of kids. They will come out next Thursday. If the weather is bad, they will do in gym.

This ties in to the Truth and Reconciliation and LIP

This will be very educational and rewarding. Each pole represents something different. Respect, cultural history, structure, design, understanding, ceremony, spirituality and ability to connect to surroundings.

MOTION-Marjorie, SECOND-James, CARRIED

MATHLETICS – online website kids can access at school and home. Teachers set up, what they can go into what they think they should do at their level. It is good practice, there are competitions across world...very motivating, use it in math centres, etc.

The lady from Mathletics was in touch with Lisa Kowalyszyn offering a deal, free till end of year, sign up for next year. \$9.75 one student, half price for next.

\$732.50 for a hundred students plus tax . If we want to add more students in September, they would honour this price.

MOTION-Marlene, SECOND-Tara, CARRIED

Lisa and Tricia are lacking in some literacy and numeracy materials. Daily 5, math.

Boosting our supply on those, 100 for each classrooms, will be able to share.

MOTION-Marlene, SECOND-Mick, CARRIED

AGM date – Aaron has asked if we could consider scheduling this another date as he has not been able to attend for the last 4 years as it falls always falls on another event for him

This is not a problem. Talking through if there is a benefit to having it before the end of the school year or if having it when we get back in the fall. We will mull this over and decide as we will set dates for next calendar year.

11. Adjournment **8:06pm**

Babysitting: Julie and Rayna