



**SAA Playground Committee Minutes
Servus Place- Campbell Meeting Room Upstairs- 9:30 am
April 17, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

Greg Lamer (Principal), Donna Hinchey (City of St, Albert), Ava Genoway, Rebecca Turner, Meghan Wagner, welcome to Brandi Lynn

Call to Order

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Prayer

Greg led the group in prayer

Acknowledgement read by Greg

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools acknowledges that it is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Approval of Agenda

Rebecca asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None were presented, approval for agenda was given by consensus.

Approval of March 17 Meeting Minutes

Committee reviewed minutes from last meeting. No corrections or amendments were required. Minutes were accepted by consensus.

Business from last Meeting

- Greg reported that he was still waiting for some information from Alberta Government regarding the accessing of playground fund in stages or chunks. He will continue to work on this.
- Greg reported on the suggestion by Meghan that consideration be given to the idea of both schools working on the project together to

maximize funds. Greg discussed this idea with senior administration of the District. While there would be might be some advantages to this idea there would definitely be some difficult logistics (their school is at a different stage of development, they also have two play areas that must be developed, scheduling, etc.) that might hamper the group in achieving the goal of a play area as soon as possible. It was recommended that the committee continue on their own.

- Donna brought presented some information regarding the masterplan for Jensen Lakes area. IA map showed some of the Park areas but no decision will be made regarding play structures, there is always community consultation in regards to the plan. Donna thought there might be some consideration given to tot structures.
- Rebecca reported on grant possibilities. Donna provided the group with some information about Fundraising Societies and the advantages of forming a society to take advantage of grant opportunities. This may be required in the future depending upon funds provided.

Committee Research and Sharing

-Lots of great ideas were discussed, mention of many kinds of structures and ideas for playgrounds were discussed. After some idea sharing Donna suggested that in preparation for an RFP the committee focus on general elements that would be required for the

Establishment of General Element Preferences

-After hearing many ideas to consider in the whole site plan, general elements were brought forward to be included in the RFP

- Climbing, slides, swings (regular and saucer) spinning, track or zip line
- Traffic pattern accessibility, multi-functional, play from all sides, bright colors, special solutions for all kids
- Apollo structure, teeter-totters
- Multi age- 2 - 14
- Some netted structures or roping
- Cognitive and creative/dramatic play options
- Surfacing options including sand, wood fiber or rubberized surface areas in some areas.
- Theme – lakeside/ocean side natural

-There was discussion about incorporating gardens and outdoor classroom space into the whole development of the plan.

-It was agreed that we would not be taking anymore quotes/ideas from playground companies. The focus now will be on completing the RFP.

Next Steps

- RFP Development/Draft – Greg will work on the RFP Draft. When completed he will forward to Donna and Rebecca for feedback, then run it by the Secretary Treasurer of the District. The committee as a whole will take a look at it at the next meeting. Greg will try to have it prepared prior to the meeting so committee members can read it prior to the meeting.
- Donna will create a timeline based upon a goal of having a playground installed by start of September.
- April 24 Combined Meeting – Donna, Greg, Rebecca and Ava will be at the joint meeting on April 24 at 9:00 am.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 30 – 9:30 am

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