

MIKE MOUNTAIN HORSE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

September 2010

- Developed a project description
- Received support letters from BLAST program, Aslan Day Care Ltd., and the Lethbridge Scouting Group to build a playground (letters needed for grant applications)
- Wrote letter to Lethbridge School District #51 and the City of Lethbridge Joint Use Committee to request the build of the playground
- Received support letter from the Joint Use Committee to build the playground.
- Received a guideline sheet from the City of Lethbridge for the project. After the playground is built, it is signed over to the City of Lethbridge. They are then responsible to maintain and repair it at their cost.

October 2010

- Created a proposal of the playground project to be used for future grant applications.
- Contacted 3 playground companies to draw up a design.
- A Society was formed in order to help raise money for the playground and Mike Mountain Horse School. It is mandatory to be a society for filling out grant applications, running a casino etc.
- Fundscript program started to raise money for the playground (gift cards)

November 2010

- Requesting student and teacher feedback of the three playground designs
- 2 favourite Playground displays' (chosen by students and teachers) at Parent Teacher Interviews to build awareness, seek parent feedback and parent involvement. We were also requesting parent participation for parent council, the society and playground committee.
- Official project description/donation request letter was written so common messages are presented when approaching businesses for donations. Given to society.

December 2010

- Met with all three playground providers to show them the current playground site and to request a complete quote and design.
- Massive toonie garage sale projected to happen April, 2011. Proceeds go to the playground
- After meeting with the 3 playground providers, a decision was made on the playground design and company based on student, teacher, and parent feedback.
- **Cost of playground** = \$85,000.00
- **Timeline** = Planning stages commenced September, 2010 estimated completion September, 2011
- Working on CFEP and Please Mum Grant

January 2011

- Working on 4 grants
 1. Home Depot
 2. Please Mum
 3. Lethbridge Community Foundation
 4. Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP)
- Seeking letter from Mayor for the final approval for CFEP grant
- Playground meeting Thursday January 20, 2011 at Mike Mountain Horse staff room at 7:00 p.m.

Items up for discussion:

- a) Fundraising/grant applications
- b) Fill Sub-committees
 - Volunteer and advertising coordinator
 - Food and drink coordinator (for volunteers during the build)
 - Demolition and construction coordinator

February 2011

- The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant was submitted February 16. They will look at it in March and we hope to receive the money and build the playground by August or September.
- It takes 9 days to 3 weeks for the equipment to arrive after ordering. 30% deposit is required before placing the order.
- Please Mum grant was sent January 15. They should get back to us in 3 weeks.
- An extension of the playground is a possibility. Working with the City of Lethbridge for approval
- The Lethbridge Community Foundation grant was submitted February 3, 2011 and we should hear from them after March 23.
- Our focus right now is the garage sale planning and the society to obtain money.

March 2011

- Grants
 - o CFEP – Sent Feb. 16 will hear back May or June
 - o Please Mum – Tend to support lower income families according to what the manager at the Lethbridge location. Pending
 - o Lethbridge Community Foundation will hear beginning of April
 - o Home Depot grant application got rejected as did another school that applied.
 - o Richardson Oil Seed- Society is working on this grant. The deadline was end of Feb.
 - o The City of Lethbridge is has a grant opportunity where they could potentially offer 1\3 of the cost of the playground. Working on it.
 - o The Keg is offering 25,000.00 to 40 applicants across Canada as they are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

April 2011

- Heard back from CFEP. They had 4 questions regarding the application. The answers were submitted back on April 5. We are requesting \$73,000.00.
- Please Mum, left several messages, and they finally replied by saying no grant money will be disbursed at this time to anyone.
- Lethbridge Community Foundation grant was rejected because we are too early of a stage with the project and there is not enough funds in our account (\$2,200.00) We can apply again in September.

- City of Lethbridge grant was submitted April 6. We will hear back from them after we hear back from CFEP.
- An article in the Westside Shopper was published last weekend advertising the garage sale and informing our current financial situation.
- The Keg – Stacy and Marnie are working on it.

May 2011

- CFEP, revision request was submitted. There was a discrepancy with the volunteer hours so the new request is \$67,888.00.
- We will meet with the City of Lethbridge next week (May 13) to see if we can extend the play area. We will also be discussing the drainage problem and demolition of the old playground.
- We will hear back from the city regarding the grant after we hear from CFEP

June 2011

- Received a verbal approval for the CFEP (Community Facility Enhancement Program) grant.
- Received approval for the City of Lethbridge grant. There will be a city meeting June 13 to determine the exact amount.
- Garage sale - \$8,000.00
- Society bank account approx. \$3,000.00
- We will have the final numbers including the results of the Keg grant at our June 14 meeting.
- Extension of play area has been approved by the City of Lethbridge. We will be squaring the playground off and extending it to the north and east. Upon completion, it will meet the required CSA safety standards.
 - o As a result of the extension and money raised, we will try to add as many components, picnic tables, etc. All money from CFEP, City of Lethbridge and the Keg must be used toward the playground.
- The tentative date for removal of old playground, levelling and installation of curbing is June 29, 30, July 1.
- The date for playground installation is August 25-27.
- We will be ordering the new playground June 23 as it now takes 6-8 weeks to arrive.
- The playground designer will be coming June 9 to do one final measure and follow the CSA specifications so he knows what he can add to the design.
- All the above mentioned will be discussed in fine detail at the next playground meeting Tuesday June 14 @ 6:30 at MMH staff room.
- Request from parents, friends, members of the community to sign up to volunteer for the playground build.