

Manachaban School Council Apr 22, 2013

Present: Thomas Elbel
Krista Stronach
Penny Beaudry
Stephen Price
Heidi Aram
Bruce Woolrich

Colleen Munro
Sigi Sengl
Marla Bosch
Katt Hryciw
Vanessa Fischbuch

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- \$4702 in account
- Some student's families are struggling with the financial aspect of overnight school trips. School has compassionate fund to help subsidize. Last year School Council donated \$1000 toward this fund - may need to ask for this again.
 - Krista motions for school council to donate \$1000 toward the school compassionate fund - Sigi seconded - passed

Staff Report

- Spring Fling dance was well received. Unfortunately the Grade 8 FI students had to choose between the dance and gymnastics at Spray Lakes (most chose gymnastics)
- Manachaban has Talent - great night
 - might help if those playing piano pieces were introduced on stage first, then proceeded to the piano since the piano was level with the audience and could not be seen by many in the audience.
- Grade 8s are working on the grad night details
- on April 29th the grade 8s will travel to Mount Royal
- On Friday, admin and resources will be meeting at Cochrane High about the grade 8 transition to the high school
- Earth Day was observed in a number of different ways - including lights out, roadside cleanup, and just enjoying the outdoors
- Options for next year's grade 7s & 8s will be coming out soon
- Upcoming class trips:
 - Grade 5 to the Frank Slide
 - Grade 6 to Camp Kindle
 - Grade 7 to Drumheller
 - Grade 8 to Quebec
- School now has online books available for borrowing - currently have around 120 titles

Admin Report

- Casino funds - requesting Macbooks
 - staff was consulted about needs (ipods, ipads, etc), and Macbooks would seem to be the most useful
 - looking at one to one (student to laptop ratio)? - not yet (Springbank apparently has it for their grade 8s, maybe even grade 7s)
 - school can't handle this (yet) even on a charging level
 - Looking at purchasing approx 32 (est cost of \$42,000)
 - does not include carts
 - these will probably be assigned to classrooms (there is also still some room in existing carts)
 - need approval from casino association (shouldn't be a problem)
- Professional development money (& some of the tech budget) can be used to purchase electronics for the teachers
 - eg some school have bought ten ipads which the teachers can then sign out
- online reporting (replacing paper reports) - still waiting to hear back from senior execs at Rockyview
- budget - first look was last Friday - still unsure of how this affects the coming year
 - initial impression is status quo
- to date, no staff have indicated they are leaving
- Poet Kris Demeanor is coming to do a workshop with grades 5 and 6
- Grade 8 Farewell is June 20 - details will be coming
- Evening of Excellence scheduled for June 25
 - still looking at who to invite - will be sent by June 17
- first week of June is environmental week - every class has at least one project

Trustee Report

- joint school board/school council meeting was last week
- May 14 - Community Engagement Meeting (9:30 Tues morning) - need rep from Manachaban - maybe Stephen or Marla can make it
 - chance to look at report card template
- Cochrane High looking at Flexible Programming
 - this would change the funding
 - Olds Composite and Springbank High are models
 - Application has been accepted
 - looking at attaching teachers to students throughout school
 - looking at more project-based learning (allows combining subjects eg english and social studies) - allows more access points to teachers
 - would start the changes with Gr 9
- a model of the blade for Cochrane High's proposed wind turbine will be on display in the lyceum so that the actual size can be seen
 - town decision is on hold until after the municipal election
 - Olympic Heights School in Calgary has a wind turbine
- Rockyview Capital plan (requested, not confirmed) to the end of 2017 has been passed
 - first on list - Cochrane would see a new K-8 in sunset ridge (ready for 2016)
 - then two more for Airdrie, an addition in Airdrie, school in Beiseker, and eventually a 2nd new K-8 in Cochrane
 - approvals will be made by the end of the month (by the provincial ministry of infrastructure)
- Board passed a number of policies
 - transportation
 - naming of facilities
 - record checks - comes into effect in Sept 2013
 - be nice if these checks were valid Rockyview wide - eg just get one record check and be able to use it at multiple schools
- Board has approved the Alberta Teachers Association Agreement

New Business

- Staff appreciation lunch
 - suggest June 5
 - Marla to organize (get Liz to send an email to all parents on behalf of school council)
- May 24 is the Links to Learning Golf tournament at Gleneagles
- School Education Plan goals 3 & 4 were discussed

Next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.