

Manachaban School Council Mar 25, 2013

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

Colleen Munro
Sigi Sengl
Sara Busby
Katt Hryciw

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda - 5a added re: Quest Theater - then adopted by consent.
Minutes from previous meeting presented and adopted.

Treasurer Report

- \$12,232.07 in account
 - Cheques for the Frank Slide Trip and Active Living Day need to be signed
 - After this, account will have \$6735.07
 - New jerseys have been bought and have arrived - exact bill for School Council will be coming

Staff Report

- Term 2 ended on March 15, report cards came out on March 22, comments are online
- Last week was the 3 on 3 hockey tournament, then the top two teams played the teachers - loads of fun
- Build-It group is running now
 - run by the Boys and Girls Club
 - meet once per week at lunch (semi-invitational)
 - focus is on teamwork, provides a creative outlet
- basketball season is over
- badminton is coming
- last Thursday there was a jumprope for heart - everyone received a skipping rope
- Grade 8 farewell planning meeting is tomorrow night at 7pm

Admin Report

- Quest Theater was here for a day to work on a play with grades 5 and 6 -
- play about a boy and an Inuit village that collects mussels under the ice at low tide
- School received a grant for \$1000 to buy binoculars and reference books for tracking wildlife
- Proposal for on-line reporting (replacing the current paper-based interim report cards) will go to headquarters this week - hope to have everything in place for the fall
- SEP (School Education Plan) is due May 15. Draft is ready - plan to discuss Goals 1 and 2 today with council, and Goals 3 and 4 next meeting.
 - Last year's SEP can be found at http://manachaban.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/assets-publications/manachaban_SEP
 - discussion followed

Trustee Report

- March 7 board meeting
 - Glenbow-Mitford accomodation was approved
 - Two classes of grades k-4 move from Glenbow to Mitford
 - Mitford then becomes k-8
 - Glenbow becomes a k-5 school
 - for the coming year a shuttle will be used for kindergarten kids registered in the Glenbow after school program
- Provincial budget was released on March 7 -
 - AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) grants are gone
 - lost about 3% (3.6 million in instructional budget
 - Class size initiative funding was increased
- 16 of 20 portables were approved for Rockyview (province allotted a total of 100 this year)
 - Rockyview must fund 50% of installation - this will come from reserves
 - (waiting for sale of land to add to reserves - expected to be \$500,000 in debt if this does not happen by Aug 1)
- school fees will be going up
 - \$10 per family
 - \$50 per family for transportation
 - Kindergarten fees will not change
- Christian program for Airdrie has been approved
 - start with approx 45 kids in K-2 with the program expected to grow each year
 - this will be the third Christian program in Rockyview (Cochrane and Chestermere also have one)
- teacher agreement with province - school boards have not been involved in latest talks
 - Rockyview has questions and will talk with the minister,
 - have until May to ratify
- On May 14 there will be a meeting about community engagement
 - will talk about governance
 - <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/home/engagement>
- Bruce Pettigrew has decided not to run as trustee again
- Alberta School Board Association is having an information session on April 4 in Calgary on becoming a school trustee

New Business

- grant has been applied for to bring Quest Theater to grades 5 and 6
 - one week (each group would get one hour per day for) is approx \$7000 - grant would cover 75% of this
- artist Kris Demeanor is coming to Manachaban May 1 & 2 to discuss poetry (<http://www.krisdemeanor.com>)

Next meeting is scheduled for Apr 22, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02.