

Manachaban School Council Oct 22, 2012

Present: Thomas Elbel	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Sigi Sengl
Bruce Woolrich	Stephen Price
Penny Beaudry	Dawn-Marie Cinnamon
Vanessa Fischbuch	Kat Hryciw
Zoe Musch	Sara Busby
Julie Grondin	Mike Macmillan
Sunday Bauder	Marla Bosch

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Addition to agenda - add Active Living Day. Agenda then adopted by consent.
Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed

Track and Field

- Current jerseys are old and worn
- looking for new jerseys (total of 60 needed - 30 for girls and 30 for boys)
 - these can be used for volleyball, basketball, and track and field
 - basic ones can be had for \$2500
 - nicer ones would be approx \$50 each (total max \$3500)
 - still researching suppliers
 - School will contribute \$1500 - looking for remainder of funding from school council
- Also, new high jump pits would be nice - approx \$5000
 - fundraising society will check with the AGLC to see if recent casino funds could pay for this
- trying to decide what should be charged for sports - instead of just trying to cover immediate expenses, charge a bit more to allow for gradual equipment replacement (eg. basketballs, volleyballs)
- On that note - some of the outdoor basketball hoops are not being used because they seem to be soft or lacking nets? Need to get input from the students about what is needed to make them useful

Treasurer Report

- current balance remains unchanged \$3460.92
- money will be coming in from walkathon
- motion to spend up to \$2000 on new jerseys as requested above made by Sara, seconded by Sigi - passed
- motion to give \$150 to the Grandparent Program (as in previous years) made by Sara, seconded by Sigi - passed

Staff Report

- Grades 7 & 8 attended recent track meet
 - Manachaban came in 2nd in Rockyview
 - top grade 7 girl was from Manachaban
- Grade 5 & 6 had fun at their track meet
- Volleyball going on now
- Walkathon - grossed approx \$18000 - very successful
 - weather was great
 - this year walkathon was merged with Terry Fox

- general feeling is that this took away from Terry Fox
 - it was late for TF (Walkathon was Oct 12, most schools hold a Terry Fox event in September)
 - will look at separating again, maybe have TF as a walk around the Ranche or 30 min running - don't need a whole day for it
- Nov 9 will be the Remembrance Day assembly
- Teacher Conference will be Wednesday and Thursday (Oct 24 and 25) with a book fair running concurrently
- recognition assembly for honor and effort
 - will stick with established criteria
 - current assembly not really working for gr 7 & 8s - looking at moving their recognition to a classroom level during the year, then possibly having an evening event at the end of the year

Admin Report

- Individual Program Plans (IPPs)
 - used for gifted students, students with learning or behavioral difficulties
 - must be renewed every year
 - new initiative from Alberta Learning
 - move the writing of the IPP to the homeroom teacher level (usually 1 to 5 per classroom)
 - next year, get kids to help write IPP
- Walkathon was well organized with help from Parents (esp Zoe and Vanessa).
 - Zoe will write a manual to help organize future walkathons
- Interim reports for students can be viewed online
- Half of parents have accessed Powerschool online
- Active living day
 - do we need it?
 - idea is to expose kids to activities
 - many kids experience these anyway - (eg skiing, swimming) and most kids at active living day do one of these two
 - maybe look at dropping skiing and adding others:
 - speedskating, climbing, archery, diving, gymnastics, circus school, high ropes, low ropes
 - maybe look at focussing on summer sports (move active living day to spring rather than winter)
- AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) day Nov 12
 - meta-cognitive literacy strategies
 - research impact of computer learning
- Alberta is the only province that provides money for AISI
- there is now a new grade 8 teacher

Canadian Parents for French

- national organization with local chapters (Springbank has had one for 13 years, Airdrie is starting one)
- each chapter is driven locally by parents to address local issues
 - can range from starting a local french program to helping parents help students when they don't speak french to helping find french guides on school field trips
- CPF will help new chapters start up
- <http://www.cpfalta.ab.ca> is the Alberta website
- need a minimum four parents to start
- chapters are funded with membership dues (\$25/yr, or \$60 for 3yrs)
- Elizabeth Barrett and Cochrane High should also have this presentation
- Sunday Bauder can be contacted at 851-4679

Trustee Report

- Last week there was a board reorg - http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/staff/2012_2013boardcommittees
- Labor negotiations (with teachers union) - have agreed on what to talk about (money is off the table)
 - talks are continuing at the provincial level as well
- Team was invited to Edmonton by the new education minister to present 21st century learning -

<http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/staff/rocky-view-schools-a-21st-c-school-district>

- Cochrane High is holding a Market Night on Nov 1 with 35 to 40 vendors. This is a combination early Christmas shopping and Open House. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Portion of the proceeds go to the school
- Weekly newsletter is Replay - <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/replay>
- Rockyview has 18,508 students, up 886 from last year
- emergency school closure policy - -40c with the wind chill may trigger closures
- Manachaban is not near the top of the portable list request

Action Items

- contact AGLC about spending money on high jump pits - Krista
- contact Elizabeth Barrett and Cochrane High about Canadian Parents for French presentation - Thomas and Sara
- forward email about Cochrane High Market Night to School Council - Krista

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.