

Manachaban School Council Oct 27, 2014

Present: Thomas Elbel
Krista Stronach
Bruce Woolrich
Trinity Patterson
Annette Dobson

Colleen Munro
Wayne Lenhardt
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon
Gerry Gaudet

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Additions to Agenda

- funding requests.
- add formation of a standing committee to review the bylaws - suggest holding off on this until Jan when new education act is finalized

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- Seniors for Kids (\$200) and Sandbox Theater cheque still to clear, then balance will be \$3705.62
- Walkathon brought in approx \$14,000 - half of this will come to school council

Staff Report

- WILD program heading to Bow Valley Outdoor center for overnight trip
- Grade 8s went to the Science Center
- Walkathon went well
- Volleyball in progress
- students have started a halloween bake-off
- Several grade 8s will be helping out with volleyball at Elizabeth Barrett
- four-year plan is kicking off
- Roots of Empathy program is beginning for one of the grade five classes
 - students will have 27 visits with Baby Autumn throughout the year to watch the changes as the baby grows and hopefully form the bonds of empathy
 - cost is \$2500 per class - funded by a grant this year
 - <http://www.rootsofempathy.org>
- last Wednesday there was a fire drill in the morning, then a power outage in the afternoon - allowed the school to practice their emergency drill

Admin Report

- SARR (School Annual Results Report) was submitted on Oct 17
 - Rockyview's annual Satisfaction Survey results
 - Manachaban is ahead of the Rockyview average in all measures even though overall satisfaction has slipped from 90% last year to 88% this year
 - Brief overview was presented - not yet up on website
- this is the last year for PATs (Provincial Achievement Tests)
 - PATs are good for determining how well the curriculum was taught through the year, but is a measurement after the fact
 - will be replaced with SLAs (Student Learner Assessments) which are written at the beginning of the year
 - this allows teachers to understand what need to be done in the coming year

Trustee Report

- Rockyview Four-year Plan is being discussed for the 2015-2019 school years
 - a discussion of goals and outcomes ensued
 - “what does success for Manachaban Students look like?” was discussed
- Nov 20 is the joint school council board meeting
- Thurs evening (Oct 20) is Doug Willims and Randall Fielding discussing Trends in Education at the Bert Church Theater
- School for Fireside in Cochrane was announced for 2017
- portable requests for Airdrie have been approved
- Infrastructure and Maintenance Budget has been doubled for this year and next
- Rockyview's FI students lag behind the provincial average - needs work
 - some facts which may or may not be relevant
 - Francophone school results are aggregated into provincial FI results
 - all of Rockyview's FI schools are dual-track

Request for Funding

- Field trip cost
 - proposed field trip bus estimate was under the actual of \$401 - requesting school council cover the total discrepancy to \$200 instead of going back to parents
 - Dawn-Marie motions that School Council spend \$200 to defray the cost of the busses, Wayne seconded - passed

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29