

Manachaban School Council May 25, 2015

Present: Thomas Elbel	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Gerry Gaudet
Bruce Woolrich	Fiona Simoongwe
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon	Wayne Lenhardt
Trinity Patterson	

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- currently have \$8229.52
 - approx \$4000 for buses for active living day still to come out

Staff Report

- Quebec trip and band trip are done
- Mrs. White's grade 5 class won a trip to Waterton
- tomorrow the grade 5s head to Frank Slide
- grade 7s will be going to Drumheller
- Wed is Track and Field - 20-25 people will be going
- June 25 is the school trip to Calloway Park
- June 24 is the Grade 8 Farewell - trip to Sylvan Lake
- 8-4 and 8-5 have a GRID (Glenbow Ranch Inquiry Day) workshop at the Glenbow Ranch
- staff appreciation lunch is June 17

Admin Report

- In regard to the funding request from last meeting - the family has agreed to pay half
- School Education Plan (SEP)
 - currently in year one of four
 - council was given a brief summary
 - achievements include:
 - WILD program
 - flexibility and choice - hockey program, FI, WILD, computer certification
 - student leadership
 - areas of focus:
 - universal learning environment
 - accessibility
 - project based learning
 - numeracy
 - student mental health
 - grade 7 feedback included recognizing mental health issues

- Grade 8 Leadership will now be a club instead of a class
- WILD program
 - other schools have been expressing interest
 - want to go slowly and establish it for Grade 8 English students, then look at implementing for FI or lower grades
 - need staff in place - Nancy is key
 - maybe too much going on already
- planter boxes
 - the giant rocks have been replaced with planters after a jumping issue
 - experimental garden
 - looking for planting ideas
 - Trinity is willing to look after it a bit during the summer
 - Glenbow school has a community garden which is rented out
- devices
 - phones and ipods - change usage policy in class
 - ipads and tablets - use differently
 - ask not to bring devices on trips
- lunchtime bell changes are still up in the air
 - blocks of classroom time can be a problem

Trustee Report

- Rachel Notley is the new premier
- David Eggen is the new education minister
- budget and funding
 - budget has been given a time extension
 - RVS budget stands
 - middle of June may see an interim funding bill
 - any new money (for RVS) will go straight to schools - all cuts to administration will stand
 - were supposed to pass budget June 4 - will wait for June 18
 - Notley has said she will fund growth, but don't know how growth funding will compare to PC growth funding
- spring school boards meeting
 - recommend a comprehensive review of the funding framework for schools
 - want equitable and fair funding
- school calendars were passed up to the 2017/2018 school year
- non-resident bussing
 - Springbank was grandfathered in
 - phasing in cost recovery over three years (\$500/\$750/\$1000/yr) or drop kids at edge of RVS bussing
- attendance areas for new school in Sunset Ridge
 - FI too big at Elizabeth Barrett and Manachaban
 - have FI at Glenbow as well - from south of river or tracks?
 - lots of heated discussion
 - make Glenbow K-8?
 - final decision to made June 18
- RVS have purchased a new high school site in Cochrane
 - 160 acres west of Horse Creek Road - will retain a portion (approx 20-30 acres) for the school and sell the rest
 - looking at a high school in 10 years
 - currently zoned as farmland
- across the road Heritage Hills has 8-9 acres for a middle school
- new school in Sunset Ridge will be named in June

Next meeting is the AGM and is scheduled for Sept 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00