

Manachaban School Council Jan 25, 2016

Present: Thomas Elbel	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Gerry Gaudet
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon	Marla Bosch
Jackie Bedard	Trinity Patterson
Bruce Woolrich	Tara MacDonald

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda presented and accepted

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- currently have \$4953.52
- walkathon money not yet in - \$6777.29
- \$1000 earmarked for Compassionate Fund
- \$1150 earmarked for drumming workshop

Staff Report

- report cards went out
- last day of school in December was a dance
- Jr A boys and girls starting basketball
 - jr boys made it to tier 1
- outdoor ed is skiing
- grade 7s went to Stampede grounds - learn about farming and sustainability
- active living day is this Wednesday - weather should be good
- parent/teacher interviews are coming up
- Friday is a PD day

Admin Report

- looking at going one-to-one for grade 8s
 - this means every grade 8 student would have a laptop of some kind
 - cannot mandate this, but can encourage those students that have them to bring them
 - will be looking at a focus group - talk with parents
 - Manachaban is one of the only middle schools in Rockyview to not have this in place already
 - will still supply them to kids that really can't bring their own - may be chromebooks
 - really only need access to internet - can get chromebooks for approx \$300
 - maybe include options for parents to consider - good, better, best
 - will give kids a leg up for high school (which is already one-to-one)
 - parent council discusses this - largely supportive - many kids already have or have access to laptops at home
- GSA - Gay Straight Alliance group has been meeting since mid-November
 - seems to be going well - approx 16 at last meeting
- March 14 is Pi Day - to celebrate the math constant "pi"
 - <http://galileo.org> has many types of math problems that can be worked on

- renovations
 - learning commons will be getting a screen and projector - approx \$5000
 - Mrs Brooks desk will be moved
 - rearrange the shelves and study carrels
 - shop and art space - will find out Feb 4 what funds/changes are possible
 - have created a “Breathing Space” room
 - will have lego and other building materials
 - similar idea to the CHAT room at Cochrane High (Cochrane Healing Arts Therapy)
 - students will be selected to attend
- athletic logo redesign is still evolving
 - on Feb 1, two elders from Morley will be at the school to discuss
 - hope to finalize a new logo by the end of the year
- student council will be organizing the students into “houses”
 - will try to keep competition healthy

Trustee Report

- in December
 - financial statement was audited
 - accountability report was presented - will focus on “orange” and “red” areas
 - self-evaluated the board
 - in the spring will review capital plan
 - will talk with RV county about priorities
 - Bill 8 was passed - Collective Bargaining Act
 - will deal with two tiers of bargaining - provincial and local
 - passed budget priorities - same as last year
 - role clarification - have reduced previous 127 policies down to 26 - much streamlined
- Wayne Hammond will be presenting at Elizabeth Barrett on the evening of Feb 4 - \$5 for parents to attend

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 29, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:45