

Manachaban Parent Council
Minutes if Meeting
June 3, 2008

In Attendance:

Dave Wilton, Patti Pederson, Dianne Ivanitz, Mike Summersgill, Violet Baron, Dave Levson, Sandra Iverson, Colleen Munro, Pattie Pilling, Sonja Landry, Carma Assel-Moore, Jose Lynne Seguin, Dawn Dostaler, Mark Kondro

Call to Order: 6:33pm

Approval of Minutes:

- March minutes will be found and put on website
- Dianne Ivanitz motion to approve April Minutes. Second by Dave Wilton

New Business:

- Council looking at providing funding for staff illness (flowers, etc.) in event of retirement, maternity, family illness, death. Motion up to \$75.00 from Council funds for gifts etc.

Transfers	\$ 50.00
Illness, death	up to \$75.00
New teachers	\$25.00
Retirement	\$ 100.00
Maternity	up to \$75.00
- Sandra Iverson motioned above. Carma Assel-Moore seconded.
- Dave Wilton asked a question regarding bussing from Cochrane to Westbrook
- Dave Wilton – band concert tomorrow students given bonus marks if attend. Why?
- Diane Ivanitz – grade 6 soccer jerseys, badminton, nice to see Manchaban have proper jerseys. MS will put that forward on list for Casino funds wish list

Treasurers report:

- \$2915.39
- only \$ spent on Mr. Toombs flowers
- Report must be submitted to RVSD by end of June (?)

Principals Report:

- Interest based advisory – fairly successful
- Next year, look at a mixture of two existing programs
- Interest based Advisory – once every 2 weeks instead of every week. Have specific programs, science (scientist), LA (author), etc
- Will narrow down first 3 months over summer. Every 3-4 months new IBA.
- Next year timetable will reflect one core teacher for 5&6.
- Character development – develop children of good character. Have people to talk to teachers about program. Early Aug. Sept program implemented.
- Next year new teachers on staff, 2 maternity, 2 new to school
- MS in process of hiring teachers
- Terry White – hired, Kat Kryciw from EB is coming here
- Timetable not quite finished yet
- Options 7/8 combined together, all going at same time. 6 choices instead of 3
- Biggest class size – 33, smallest class size – 24

- Grade 5 parent orientation, June 9
- Grade 7s will take parents around
- Grade 7s are writing newsletter for grade 4s. Hoping to hand out on June 9th.
- MS will have open house in August – info in last newsletter
- Next year's budget OK enough for staff. 95% staff, 5% carrying costs/
- School Education Plan – preliminary copy by mid-June.
- Options have not been selected by 7 & 8s. Hopefully by next week
- Grade 8 Farewell celebration – not graduation. % of \$ from Dance a thon (collected from grade 8s) has been left with Gr. 8 teachers. Approx. \$750.00. Farewell committee has asked to use \$750.00 to offset farewell. Without money, cost would be \$12.00. If \$750.00 is contributed, it may be reduced by \$5.00.
- Teachers would like it spend on tree with plaque legacy from Gr. 8 kids. Either monument or educational tools would be better than on Farewell.
- MS will talk to grade 8s to see what they would like.
- Farewell committee would like a portion of \$ to go to Gr. 8 Farewell.
- This subject should not be a Parent Council question
- Upcoming Dates
- MS proposed that any student that gets an 85% on all 3 report cards will exempt students from 7/8 finals
- MS would like to thank Parent Council – Great Year!
- DW on behalf of council would like to thank MS and VB

Teachers Report:

- DL thanked council for \$ for TV
- Quebec very successful
- Gr. 5 Outdoor ed trip very successful
- Reminder of exams coming up
- End of year – Calaway Park
- Rockets will be fired off
- Tacky tourist – June 14, all welcome
- Cardboard boats launched on June 11 at swimming pool. Mr. Taylor's class

Trustees Report:

- Capital plan and budget
- 135 million dollar budget
- set priorities
- allocated CSI grand from 20.3 to 19.1
- School allocation same as last year
- Add 26 teachers – at 2006 levels
- Capital plan in place gave 2008 -2011 pan
- 3 priorities for capital plan: Airdrie Middle School, Airdrie Elementary School, Cochrane Elementary School
- 3 year Ed Plan will be will be approved June 5th
- DW tabled a motion to spend \$250.00 for a luncheon for teachers. Seconded by Pattie Pilling, motion carried.
- MS will provide DW with date for teacher's luncheon.
- Sandra Iverson will be doing hot lunch for the last time next year. She needs someone to work with her in the next year to take over following.

Meeting adjourned 8:17pm