

Manachaban School Council Meeting March 3, 2009

In Attendance: Sandra Iverson, Mark Kondro, Mike Summersgill, Colleen Munro, Dave Levson, Christine McKie, Sue Kennedy, Suzanne Kempin

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Discussion:

Approval of minutes from last meeting. Sandra Iverson motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Mark Kondro.

- Discussion arising from minutes: we still don't know what casino revenue is
- School uniforms will be arriving at school within a week or so. Not sure about logo yet.
- Mike Summersgill and Chris McKie have not had a chance to visit other middle schools.
- March 31st is new date for council meeting at Education Centre in Airdrie. Mark will contact Dave to see if he is attending.
- Still not sure if uniforms can be purchased – will ask Dave Wilton next month.
- School Council orientation scheduled for Feb. 7, rescheduled for March 31st.

Principals Report:

- Report Cards go home March 20th. If parents have concerns they may contact teachers, no formal interviews.
- Active living day March 9th teachers are collecting forms and money. All students are to participate. Not all events cost money.
- Play presented to 6, 7 & 8s
- Emergency preparedness plan. How can students best be served in a crisis. Planning for worst case scenario. Division wide.
- Lisa from Zero Hour goes through and does an audit on each school in the district.
- Plan will be implemented for September.
- Staff and team will be trained.
- In future, council meeting same crisis plans will be shared.
- Single track, dual track from immersion was discussed. Postponed from Feb. 25th.
- Greg Bass will be here for school visit on March 6th.
- Spring concert March 26th.

- PD day on March 2nd, worked with teams on unit planning, different ways of assisting students.
- Grade 8 orientation 2 groups done today.
- March 11th, grade 8 parent orientation at Cochrane High.
- Invitation to an evening of putting real learning first.
- Trustees, teachers, administrators, and 2 school council members. Everything is paid for.
- We will give invitation to Dave Wilton. Dave will confirm attendance.

Teachers Report

- Gr. 6 Basketball was a success.
- Active Living Day make sure forms are in.
- Report Cards went well. Highest number of parents came out for this interim report.
- Band Camp went very well.
- Mr. Levson has arranged for 3 volunteers to organize the walkathon.
- Annual Walk-a-thon Friday, March 27th. 35th year. 50% of funds raised go back to that grade.
- Use of the other 50% determined by parent council.
- All donations need to be sent to school by March 25th.
- Motion made to approve Walk-a-thon made by Diane Ivanitz, seconded by Sandra Iverson.
- All in favour – passed.
- Activities in letter have been motioned by Mark Kondro, seconded by Dianne Ivanitz.
- Walk-a-thon committee is going to determine how prizes will be allocated.
- Motion that \$850.00 be allocated for prizes. Motioned by Mark Kondro, seconded by Sandra Iverson.
- Council will lend Walk-a-thon committee money to buy prizes.

Trustees Report

- A IMR budget approved 3.2 million divided by 34 schools.
- Approved public ECS at Westbrook School.
- Approved French Immersion in Chestermere. 24 students in grade 1&2.
- Approved 2009-10 school calendar. Looks a lot like last years calendar. Starting before Labour Day this year. Students start August 31st.
- 2010-2011 calendar will likely look like this one.
- Decision in spring on how to proceed with single track – dual track.
- Declining enrolment in Bow Valley High School will be talked about on Wednesday board meeting.
- Mark Kondro attended Joint Council Government Affairs Meeting. They want a wish list of what different councils want. What is Manachabans wish list. Mark was asked to find out and then take back next meeting.
- Some items that were raised at other meetings: class size, special needs funding, infrastructure, school space, school fees.

- Mark Kondro will say this council supports above issues at next Government Affairs meeting, March 23rd.
- EB council is having a meeting with Darryl Couture on March 17th @ 7:00pm, a chance to ask questions. Anyone is allowed to attend. Mark will ask any questions we may have.
- Dianne Ivanitz heard yearbooks are on sale in Newsletter. \$25.00 – 48 page hard cover book. Numbers must be finalized by April 8th. Money must be sent in.
- Minutes need to be given prior to meeting. They are usually on the web page under Council.
- Dianne Ivanitz suggested that Active Living Day should be something that students have not tried before. For next year, what is the intent and should we have an Active Living Day?
- Mark Kondro motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dianne Ivanitz

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20pm