

# Manachaban School Council June 7, 2011

Present: Mark Kondro  
Krista Stronach  
Dave Levson  
Christina Lewis  
Sara Busby  
Chris McKie

Colleen Munro  
Thomas Elbel  
Marla Bosch  
Stephen Price  
Dianne Ivanitz

Meeting called to order at 7:29 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda approved by consensus.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed (Mark approve, Marla second).

## Review of Action Items from last meeting

- email to parents regarding the need for new fundraising society members - Thomas
  - notice went out in the newsletter and other means of spreading the word have been done
  - probably better to talk to individuals
- Krista to email School Council meeting notice - done

## Financial Report

- \$2811.21 in account

## Fundraising Society

- Next casino is set for Nov 29 and 30 (Tues and Wed), 2011 - this is sooner than expected - apparently everyone has seen their casino dates move up
- In September there is more paper work to be done and a General Manager and Manager must be hired
- during the casino - need about a dozen people per shift (two shifts per day)
- will need a meeting to hand over the reins to new members
- casino account currently has \$2841 - this will pay for the managers
- do the volunteers need police checks? - do not think so
- some teachers and parents may be against having a casino
- province is hosting a number of casino information sessions  
([http://www.aglc.gov.ab.ca/gain/gain\\_schedule.asp](http://www.aglc.gov.ab.ca/gain/gain_schedule.asp))

## Admin/Staff Report

- there will be some staff changes for the fall
  - Mr. Bentham will be leaving to become the manager of the Boys and Girls Club in Airdrie
  - Mrs. Kirby from Springbank Middle School will be coming to teach Gr5 French Immersion
  - Mme Paskov will take on the role of AISI coach (.2 time)
  - Grade 7 teacher for French Immersion will be arriving from Ontario
- Parent Feedback survey had 40% participation - results not known yet
- Enrollment for the fall is estimated to be 429 (Sept 2010 had enrollment of 397), and the budget is set based on enrollment of 425
  - smallest class size is 24, Grade 8 has class sizes of 32 and 33

- Next year there will be a learning support block (1 class during each 6 day rotation) to finish up work and get help
- Google Docs - the learning sessions are done and usage will begin right away
- Grade 6 camp went well and had plenty of sunshine
- Grade 5 camp had 50mm of rain, but everyone still had fun
- Powerschool will replace Home Logic for report cards (will happen over the next year)
  - province wants everyone to use this by 2013 but has provided no money to make this transition
  - Rockyview has used money from transportation (\$800,000) to do this
- Talent show and silent auction raised \$8500 for Lea Radford's family
- School Education Plan was presented - Mark must sign off on this tonight

## Trustee Report

- Premiere announced three new schools for Airdrie
  - still need to look at funding for a contingency plan until those schools are built
- Board Budget has been passed
  - some schools will struggle with it
- province has announced that there will be no new money for schools this year (new money has been found in past years)
- new 3-year plan has been passed
- June 16 is a joint school council meeting at the Education center in Airdrie (5:30 to 8:30) - need someone to go

## New Business

- Sara made a motion to buy a Safeway gift card in the amount of \$75 for Lea Radford's family. Krista seconded. Passed

## Action Items

- none

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Remaining meetings for next year are assumed to be the first Tuesday of every month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57.