

Manachaban School Council Sept 14, 2010

Present: Mark Kondro
Krista Stronach
Dave Levson
Dianne Ivanitz
Chris McKie
Thomas Elbel
Tracy Lamby
Colleen Munro

Christina Lewis
Marla Bosch
Sara Busby
Kelsey Envik
Kelly Gramlich
Julie Armstrong
Nichola Sollid

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Welcome and introductions

Agenda presented and passed (Sara first, Krista second).

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed (Mark first, Dianne seconded)

Review of Action Items from last meeting

- Mark to attend Grade 4 orientation on June 7 - done
- Tristan Walker to be rebooked - Thomas will look into this
- Advertise this meeting in newsletter - done
- gifts for retirees - all checks have been cashed
- Grandparent Program - money has been donated
- Defibrillators - Mark suggests we revisit this under the new process (for disbursing council money)

Nominations for Council Positions

- Chair - Mark Kondro will stand
- Co-Chair - Dave may know someone who is interested in this position - carried over
- Secretary - Krista Stronach
- Treasurer - Sara Busby
- Community Resource Coordinator - Marla Bosch (with Christina Lewis offering to help)
- Members at Large - none

Financial Report

- Parent council currently has \$5956.72 and all outstanding checks have cleared.
- year-end financial report has been done

How School Council should disburse money

- Guidelines created by Mark and Krista were brought forward (these can be found on the plone website under School Council -> Bylaws)
- Marla moved to add them to the bylaws, Christina seconded - passed

Staff Report

- from Dave Levson
- Parent - Teacher open house was tonight
- year startup has gone well
- pancake breakfast was well received
- Walkathon is scheduled for Oct 15
- Oct 1 is the Terry Fox run
 - Chris indicated that this year would likely involve a different format
 - activities could include "hope on a rope" (necklaces, keychains for sale), cancer ribbons, head shaving, karaoke, bake sale, maybe running through the Ranch rather than just around the field

Admin Report

- from Chris - Josten's is currently printing the yearbooks for last year
 - will begin taking orders for this year's book soon (can be added on to school fees)
- from Tom
 - school has 398 students (budgeted for for 393)
 - Mr Munson, Miss Tops, Mme Arsenault, Elizabeth Boyley, and Tom are all new staff
 - AISI is looking at balanced assessment - need to tell kids how marks are evaluated
 - Tom was approached by a grade 7 student wanting to get into the French Immersion program but the classes were all full
 - this student came back every day and asked if anyone had transferred out
 - Tom investigated and found that online classes were available
 - student will do this instead of drama and they have found a way to work around the 6 day rotating schedule
 - lunch in the gym is being modified
 - Grade 8s are now eating in their hallway and the gym is calmer and the grade 8s are happier (have access to their lockers, older kids need the privilege)
 - Grade 7s may be next
 - eating in hallways is preferable to classrooms since it requires less supervision (one big group instead of several smaller)
 - tables and chairs are being investigated - stumbling block is a place to store them
 - Mr Vendit has won the rights to install vending machines for Rockyview
 - healthy options can be provided
 - Tom would like to see one machine go in for a one year trial
 - (15% of profits go the school)
 - there are 12 new wireless hubs
 - new server will soon be up and running (new 400G replaces 90G)
 - there are 30 new Mac laptops
 - some of the classrooms will get new furniture (66 desks will arrive)
 - the roof was fixed over the summer (but there are still a couple of minor leaks)
 - Oct 20/21 is parent/teacher interviews for the first interim report cards
 - Oct 29 is the school dance
 - Rockyview satisfaction surveys - make sure they're answered (Feb and May)
 - How best to communicate with parents -
 - Mark likes the automated calls the best
 - monthly newsletter - aim is to have it published (online) by the first Friday of every month
 - Tom would like to know if anyone hears any bad stories about Manachaban so he can address them where possible
 - Grade 5 Hep B shots will happen this week

Trustee report

- On Aug 5 there was a special meeting - the provincial government found the extra money for the teacher salary topup (which Rockyview had already budgeted for) so support staff got a raise
 - learning services got \$300 000
 - Sept 16 they will look at where to spend the extra money
- Links to Learning golf tournament was held on Aug 17 at Gleneagles
 - There were 90 participants
 - Chestermere won an extra interactive white board
 - all the trustees attend
- Satisfaction survey is up on the website
 - progress has been made
 - student comments are always good
- Sept 18 is final nomination date for upcoming Municipal elections on Oct 18
 - Colleen will stand again
- Sept 23 is the School Council Professional Learning Night and is open to Chairs and Co-Chairs

New Business

- Schedule of Meetings
 - last year meetings were held on 2nd Tuesday of the month, but traditionally Manachaban has held them on the 1st Tuesday
 - Motion to move them to the 1st Tuesday again made by Christina, second by Nichola - passed
 - Meetings will be held on Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, March 1, Apr 5, May 3, and June 7

Action Items

- Mark to do a year-end report
- Krista will add the new guidelines to the Bylaws
- Tom will look into the final booking of Tristan Walker

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.