

Manachaban School Council May 1, 2012

Present: Stephen Price
Krista Stronach
Sigi Sengl
Penny Beaudry
Thomas Elbel
Marla Bosch

Colleen Munro
Christina Lewis
Jared Fuller
Sara Busby
Shelly Shields
John Shields

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed

Treasurer Report

- \$5460.92 remains (after \$150 for the Grandparent Program clears)

Staff Report

- Yesterday the Grade 8s were at Mount Royal for a Financial literacy presentation
- Grade 7 French class goes to Drumheller next week, with the English grade 7s the following week
- Grade 8 Quebec trip is 13th-20th - 69 of 118 are going
- May 28-31 the grade 5s are going to the Frank Slide (in two groups for one overnight)

Trustee Report

- Capital expenditure of \$860,000 approved to improve school parking lots at Chestermere High School (current one too small) and Elbow Valley (too many holes)
 - money is from cash-in-lieu [of land] from developers
- Rockyview will service students in the annexed [into Calgary] area of Springbank
- Portables - Board decided to use portables at Prince of Peace in Chestermere
 - Airdrie Council of Councils has asked the board to rescind the motion and use them in Airdrie instead
 - also asking for clarification from Alberta if there has been a breach of the school act for taking out of area students at Prince of Peace (approx 40% are from Calgary) (should not take out of area students if school over 85% full)
- after provincial election, Rockyview has one PC and three Wildrose MLAs in its bounds

Admin Report

- RVS Satisfaction Survey is running from May 7 to 28 for students and staff, and until June 11 for parents
- On the evening of June 5th the Grade 6s will have the opportunity to watch the Transit of Venus at the acreage of the Roe family (there will be a potluck as well)
 - since this conflicts with the next school council meeting, Stephen motions to move the School Council meeting to June 7 - Sara seconded - passed
- Talent Show went very well - lots of work from the students and Mrs White
- Active Living Day also went well, even if it was wet
 - Tweets on progress of Southland buses coming from Nakiska were appreciated
- fundraising opportunity - Town of Cochrane knows of a developer that will pay for lot cleanup
- recognition assembly was last Thursday
 - looking for a different model
 - powerpoint presentations are a great deal of work
 - Grade 5 & 6 assembly went well

- Grade 7 & 8 could use improvement (only two parents were present) - not advertised as well?
 - Grade 7 & 8s don't care as much to see their names
 - maybe a single end of year event is better (and include sports and most improved)
 - maybe a big evening family event
 - maybe recognize on an ad-hoc basis
 - should parents be recognized? ('no' from the parents - just a can of worms)
 - maybe a BBQ
 - or recognize grade 8s at grad and have a separate one for grade 7s
- School Education Plan (SEP) - expect minimal changes
- Student agendas next year will only be provided to grades 5 & 6 - a few extra will be ordered (a few grade 7s & 8s may prefer them)
- learning session with RVS - need a learning coach
 - facilitate programming for students at both ends of the spectrum
- currently interviewing for Mrs Patterson's (on Mat leave) replacement in the fall
- May 31 is deadline for teachers to indicate retirement, transfers, etc
- Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) - some students will use computers to answer

Old Business

- June 4 - Cochrane High School Council meeting - Manachaban, Mitford, and Bearspaw have been invited
- Quebec trip compassionate funding request
 - \$800 requested (ticket for trip has already been booked)
 - instead of school council funding directly, have school council donate \$500 to \$1000 to the school fund and let the school administer and take care of worthiness
 - Sara motions that \$1000 be donated to school compassionate fund, Sigi seconds, passed
- Casino money will fund library furniture request
- Casino may not be able to fund standing tables for classrooms - need to check with AGLC

New Business

- Should more be done to promote Manachaban to the Cochrane Times and Cochrane Eagle?
 - if this was another role, what would it look like?
 - Titanic day was in the paper
 - When reporters come and pictures are taken, parents must be contacted for permission
 - perhaps a grade 8 student could be elected/assigned to be school reporter - maybe someone from the leadership class
- Mission and Vision statement
 - a discussion of the wordings followed and some changes were made
- Teacher/Staff appreciation
 - both Elizabeth Barrett and Cochrane High do a potluck provided by the parents
 - a lunch would work May 24 or June 11 - June 11 is probably better
 - should this request be sent to all parents, or the ones who signed the volunteer sheet?
 - Sara offers to coordinate this

Action Items

- potluck organization - Sara
- confirm invitation to Cochrane High School Council meeting on June 4 - who is invited - council exec, or all parents?

Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.