

Manachaban School Council May 27, 2013

Present: Thomas Elbel
Krista Stronach
Penny Beaudry
Sara Busby
Heidi Aram

Colleen Munro
Sigi Sengl
Marla Bosch
Bruce Woolrich
Vanessa Fischbuch

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- \$4735.16 in account
- there is still \$1000 to go to the compassionate fund

Staff Report

- Grade 8s:
 - went to Quebec - trip went well
 - went to Mount Royal for 'Money Makes Sense'
- Grade 7s will go to Drumheller in two weeks
- Grade 6s went to Camp Kindle - wet, but the kids had fun
- Grade 5s go to the Frank Slide tomorrow
- Callaway Park trip (all grades) is scheduled for the last day of school
- Kris Demeanor came to the school to work on poetry with the students - went very well
 - will try to get him back for 2-3 days in the first week of October
- Badminton and soccer are ongoing
- March 17th was a PD day - staff worked on their projects, shared their ideas, and worked on IPPs
- Option sheets coming in
 - leadership option is still being worked on
- class lists for next year are being worked on
- High school band came and played

Admin Report

- Renos are being done on the office, library, and some classrooms
 - brief tour of the changes
 - library storage room being opened up, windows added
 - three sets of classrooms will be linked and have a common breakout space - this will allow collaboration and shared teaching
 - office is being rearranged and a small breakout room is being added
- Report card changes are coming in Sept
 - draft was presented to council
 - percentages will be replaced with ranges
 - still some changes to be made - feedback has indicated some of the eduspeak should be simplified
 - Canmore has also gone with ranges but has removed the percentage explanation of those ranges - parents are upset
 - Rockyview will still have percentages associated with the ranges

- how will honors and honors with distinction be determined? - still working on that
- Evening of excellence on June 25 - medals and plaques will be awarded
- Grade 8 Farewell is June 20
- Staffing
 - some teachers on leave have returned
 - some to return next school year
 - looking for a grade 8 teacher for the English side
- Environmental Fair is on June 7 from 9am to 1pm
 - everyone is working on a project
- looking at the possibility of an outdoor classroom
- planning to bring recycling into the classroom

Trustee Report

- May 16 was a board meeting
 - Superintendent will be next Deputy Minister of Education (as of June 1)
 - Susan Williams will be interim Superintendent
 - search for a new Super will be starting right away, probably take 2-3 months
 - short list will be presented to Board and choice made
 - teacher agreement has been ratified
 - local bargaining piece is still in works
 - committee from board and the Alberta Teacher's Association will look at teacher workload - report to be done by Oct 31
 - Budget passed May 16 - mostly balanced
 - instruction budget good
 - transportation will draw down on reserve fund
 - maintenance will run a deficit
 - bylaws were passed - eg work with county on polling station
 - early May there was a discussion on French Immersion - single vs dual track
 - status quo for now (although there are some good reasons for single track)
 - let new board decide (elections in Oct) and deal with as it comes up
 - Cochrane high is introducing Flexible Learning
 - collaborative learning
 - modeled after Olds Composite High and Springbank High
 - move to team teaching and personalized learning plans
 - want to see it applied to all grades
 - timetable will change from four periods per day to five - new period is flex period
 - Cochrane High's next school council meeting is June 3 at 7pm - email should be sent to parents of grade 8 students
 - Sunset Ridge K-8 has been approved - set to open 2016
 - expect another announcement in the fall (hope is for two schools in Airdrie)
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- School Education Plan (SEP) has been approved
 - June 4 will share SEP with a couple of other schools
 - changes will be made 5 days later
 - Staff appreciation day is June 5

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.