

Manachaban School Council May 26, 2014

Present: Thomas Elbel	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Penny Beaudry
Katt Hryciw	Sara Busby
Bruce Woolrich	Dawn-Marie Cinnamon
Marla Bosch	Gerry Gaudet
Fiona Simoongwe	Jackie Godard

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- \$4455.62 is current balance
- no outstanding bills

Staff Report

- trip to water treatment plant in Banff & Canmore, and a walking trip here
- Grade 7 english class went to Drumheller - FI will go later in June
- Grade 5 went to Camp Kindle last week
- Grade 6 will go to camp Kindle soon
- Grade 8 Quebec trip was a lot of fun
- Track and Field will be on May 29th
- Band concert is June 5
- farewell to Dave Levson is June 7 from 1-3
- Grade 8 Farewell is June 19
- Evening of Excellence is June 24
- last day of classes is June 26
- grade 6 PATs (Provincial Achievement Tests) are underway
- 12 Manachaban staff did the Women's Run in Canmore

Admin Report

- Gerry Gaudet will be the new Assistant Principal
 - comes from Ecole Edwards in Airdrie
 - speaks french
- budget is due May 30 - mostly balanced
- staffing updates - need 2 FI grade 6 teachers
 - currently there are 35 english grade 4 students arriving - some fluctuations expected
 - currently have two grade 5 english classes
 - need to firm up numbers

- WILD program - have 16 applications so far
 - May 30th is the deadline
 - some parents have given feedback that there may be too much emphasis on environmental issues
 - there is a presentation but need to find a way to get it online without violating FOIP
- Numeracy block update
 - beginning of an outline done
 - still need to work on details
- student feedback survey - 90% student participation, 18% parent
- staff appreciation lunch is set for June 12
- parent volunteer appreciation - water bottles are available from a basket at the office
- Dawn Bartel appreciation is being worked on

Trustee Report

- June 5 is board budget day - looking at inclusive classrooms
- Communication of Student Learning - new superintendent is looking through all the feedback - some changes will be coming
- transportation fees will be going up \$10 per child (much less than Calgary Board of Education)
 - bus fees last year went up \$35
 - each bus route costs approx \$50,000 for the year
 - RV transports approx 12,000 kids
 - will find some savings by winding down some routes (currently some Bearspaw kids are allowed to go to Bow Valley, some rural kids south of the Bow River are being bussed to Bow Valley)
- new turf field by Bow Valley - RVS contributed \$100,000 so RV students will have first right to use
- In June there will be an advocacy meeting with the Town of Cochrane to improve relations
- June 5 and June 19 are the last board meetings for the school year
- Teaching Excellence awards happened - many RV teachers came close, including Mme Katt
- Paving of parking lot - tied up with lease agreement

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37