

Manachaban School Council April 28, 2014

Present: Thomas Elbel	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Penny Beaudry
Katt Hryciw	Sara Busby
Bruce Woolrich	Dawn-Marie Cinnamon
Michelle Greenwood	Marla Bosch
Stephanie Bennet	Lauren
Christian	Richard

Meeting called to order at 6:29 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Cochrane High Wet Lab

- CoBRA (Cochrane Bio-Researchers in Action) from Cochrane High School gave a presentation
 - trying to find a way to reduce the damage done by the pine beetle
 - beetles carry blue stain fungus which is what attacks and kills the trees
 - students are working on gene splicing targeting the fungus to allow the trees to better fight off the fungus
 - have received grants (totaling \$24,000) for their research equipment
 - will be taking their work to iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine) competition at MIT at the end of June (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Genetically_Engineered_Machine for a brief overview of iGEM, and http://igem.org/Main_Page for more details)
 - fundraiser this Friday at the Cochrane Movie House - matinee (starting at 3:30) for the new Spider Man movie - tickets are \$15
 - team consists of 15 students and their teacher Stephanie Bennett

Treasurer Report

- \$3505.63 for active living day
- balance is now \$5785.62
- \$1000 will go to the compassion fund (standing action)
- \$200 to go to the grandparent program

Staff Report

- Badminton tournament before break - Gr 7&8 did very well
- Track & Field is May 28
- field trips
 - outdoor ed
 - leadership students went to EB for Right to Play
 - Construction Fair at the BMO center - a group of grade 8s went to try their hand at shingling, brick laying, painting, etc
 - grade 8s went to MRU for financial literacy
 - grades 5&6 to outdoor camp
 - grade 7 to Drumheller near the end of June
 - grade 8 to Quebec in May

- Grade 8 farewell planning is underway for June 19
- June 7 will be a celebration for Dave Levson
- Environmental fair is June 20

Admin Report

- Penny is moving to C.W. Perry Middle School in Airdrie
- Currently there are 59 FI students in grade 4 and 35 in english - want 3 grade 5 FI classes next year
- need another grade 8 english teacher for next year to accommodate the WILD program (the outdoor program with capped enrollment)
- next year start and end times will change slightly to accommodate transportation changes
- Evening of Excellence is on June 24 for grades 7 & 8 (by invitation only)
 - what about a booster award for effort? - put on council agenda for next fall
- Evidence Summary
 - 190 surveys returned
 - polarizing subject
 - met with Don Hoium to discuss Parent Portal
- Odyssey of the Mind on June 10
 - want to send 10 kids - total of \$130
 - parents must drive them to the district office in Airdrie
 - Sarah motions that School Council cover the \$130, Dawn-Marie seconds - passed
- Satisfaction survey runs from May 1 to 30
- PATs coming up 12 & 14 of June
- SEP (School Education Plan) - council chair is asked to sign now to streamline submission (SEP plan can be found at <http://manachaban.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/assets-publications>)

Trustee Report

- May 1 is the joint school council/board meeting from 5:30 to 8pm
 - anyone on school council may attend - RSVP tomorrow
- have been meeting with MLAs, Town of Cochrane, RV County
- met with Ron Casey
 - current municipalities act does not require municipalities to provide school sites
 - Act is now open for revision and this might be a good thing to change
- notice of motion to look at alternate calendar (shorter summer break, more breaks through the year)
- Colleen can be heard on the radio (106 FM) talking about RV schools

New Business

- Staff appreciation meal - last year was during the first week of June
 - this year on June 12 - Marla will organize
- Dawn Bartel comes in early every day to prepare breakfast (toast, muffins, etc)
 - Sarah motions that we spend \$200 for appreciation, Bruce 2nd - passed
- discussion follows on showing appreciation for parent volunteers
 - some parents want to be recognized, some don't
 - hold a tea like Elizabeth Barrett?
 - have some small token available at office?
 - no decision made

Next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11