

Manachaban School Council Oct 28, 2013

Present: Thomas Elbel
Krista Stronach
Katt Hryciw
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon

Colleen Munro
Sara Busby
Vanessa Fischbuch

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- \$4085.25 in account
- there is still \$1000 to go to the compassionate fund
- approx \$6000 coming in from walkathon
- raffle for two West Jet tickets is in the works. Tickets will probably be \$5 each

Staff Report

- walkathon went well
- Parks Canada gave talk to grade 5s and 6s (grade 4s came from Elizabeth Barrett as well)
- parent conferences were held last week
- A volleyball is finishing
- B volleyball is starting next week
- chess club started
- tech club has started as well

Admin Report

- Halloween theme is 'We Scare Hunger'
- Nov 7 is the remembrance day ceremony (school closed on Nov 11)
- picture retakes are also Nov 7
- planning for active living day has started
 - looking at date of around Jan 30
 - big two activities still in (downhill skiing and leisure pool)
 - circus school is still in
 - re-evaluating other activities
- 25 people went to We Day last week
 - chose people from leadership class in grade 7&8 that didn't go last year
 - each school can get up to 25 tickets
- leadership class for grade 7 is term by term, grade 8 is a full year
- thinking of reducing number of options for English kids (from three to two).
 - third block would be study period or extension of core subjects
 - current study option is popular
 - this will ease scheduling
 - too much choice can be hard
 - French Immersion kids effectively only have two options since one block is taken up with French Language Arts
- parent portal training on Oct 16 saw approx 7 parents attending
- this year report cards will be emailed as a pdf file (as well as year end report)
- there is a powerschool app (Pearson PowerSchool for Parents)
- school art, shop, and computer area is being looked at for at for a re-design to something more modern

- Active living day
 - looking for school council to provide \$10 per student for bussing (as per last year - \$3850 total)
 - school currently has approx 441 students
 - Sara motions that school council provide \$10 per student for bussing for this year's active living day, second by Dawn-Marie - passed
- joint school councils/board meetings will be held in Airdrie Nov 21 from 5:30 to 8:30
- Excellence in teaching award nomination deadline is Feb 14

Trustee Report

- Election results:
 - Fiona Gilbert, Town of Cochrane
 - Todd Brand, Airdrie
 - Incumbents Helen Clease, Sylvia Eggerer and Norma Lang returned to office
- With the board's approval, trustee Helen Cleanse is running for ASBA president. Incumbent president's term is up and the incumbent vice-president was defeated in her school division.
- Re-organizational meeting on Hallowe'en, our new superintendent Don Hoium joined us.
 - Board chair: Colleen Munro
 - Vice chair: Todd Brand
- Framework agreement update:
 - Teacher efficacy/workload survey out to all RVS teachers to fulfill the C2 clause in the agreement.
 - Board and ATA local will be bargaining on Nov. 6 with an eye on finalizing agreement. Deadline of December 31.
- First board meeting 7 November. Plan for modular classrooms on the agenda.
- Joint board school council meeting Nov. 21.
- new schools have been named:
 - in Airdrie: W.H. Crockford and C.W. Perry Middle School
 - in Chestermere: Eastlake School
- board had their annual inclement weather meeting
 - schools may be closed when temps reach -40c or road are impassible
 - call is made at 5:30am
 - individual bus drivers can delay a route for up to an hour

SAR (School Annual Report)

- bussing needs improvement
- IPP needs improvement (school currently has 67)
- PAT results - mostly at or above provincial level
 - many french results below provincial average
 - overall though, results are very good
- RVS Satisfaction Survey
 - happy with results
- once report is finalized it will be available online at the Manachaban website
 - past reports can be found at: <http://manachaban.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/school-reports>

New Business

- Tupperware plates for hot lunch
 - plate with lid sold in the past is no longer available
 - Christina Lewis will look into a replacement

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 25, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Confirmed that meetings the rest of the year will be Jan 27, Feb 24, March 24, Apr 28, May 26

Meeting adjourned at 8:03.