

Manachaban School Council Nov 24, 2014

Present: Thomas Elbel	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Wayne Lenhardt
Bruce Woolrich	Marla Bosch
Trinity Patterson	Gerry Gaudet
Annette Dobson	Charles Aram
Annie	Katie

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Changes to the Agenda

- date correction
- additional New Business

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Quest Theatre - student presentation

- grade 8 students taking band are currently unable to take drama
- student solution is to bring in Quest Theatre for an Artistry in Residence program
- week-long class is priced at \$4500 for up to 40 students
 - approx 1/2 hour show would be presented at end
 - week of April 27-May 1 is proposed date
- currently have at least 20 students interested, but information about program has not been widely circulated among grade 8s yet.
- Quest Theatre has \$3000 in sponsorship/grants towards program
- students must come up with remaining \$1500 plus GST (total \$1575)
- students are willing to hold bake sales and do whatever fundraising is necessary to make this happen
- are asking school council to chip in what they can
- council discussion ensued
 - what are parents willing to pay?
 - what is reasonable for school council to donate given the small number of students that will benefit?
 - currently give \$10 a head for bussing for Active Living Day
 - quick review of finances
 - \$15 per head was deemed reasonable
 - Krista motions that school council donate \$600 towards Quest Theatre, Bruce seconded, passed

Treasurer Report

- Seniors for Kids (\$200) and Sandbox Theater cheque still to clear
- then balance should be \$3505.62
- \$1000 for school compassionate fund not yet transferred to school (previously approved) - cheque written and handed off
- Walkathon brought in approx \$14,000 - half of this will come to school council

Staff Report

- early Nov had a WILD two night camp
- grade 5s have been to the science center - grade 7s will go soon
- Basketball is starting
- Volleyball has finished - A teams for boys and girls both finished bronze
- leadership students have challenged the classrooms for donations to the food bank
 - donors will get a chance to win a TBA prize

- leadership is also organizing a dance for the last Friday in December
- Band concert will be Dec 11

Admin Report

- Participating with Elizabeth Barrett and Cochrane High in the Helping Hands Hamper
 - several families in need will benefit
- Active living day is scheduled for Jan 29 with a day in February as a backup
 - downhill skiing and swimming will remain since they take so many students
 - trying to get circus school back in
 - forms will go out Dec 5
- Grade 8 farewell
 - looking for a dance alternative
 - maybe a barbecue (need an alternative date then?)
 - rec center activities?
 - paintball (may not be allowed by school board)
 - water gun or water balloon fight?
 - get students to throw in ideas
- Report Cards
 - term ends on Friday
 - Monday is reading of the report cards by teachers
 - Tuesday put into pdf form
 - emailed out next three days
- Honor Roll
 - currently using the same criteria as last year
 - discussion of criteria - achievement indicators vs percentages
 - Cremona has a Buster Award for the most improved academically
 - Manachaban has the Principal's Award - discretionary
- Josh L has produced Manachaban's first newspaper
 - photos are being cleared, then it will be available online

Trustee Report

- last week saw sod turning ceremonies for Sunset Ridge and Airdrie schools
- School Boards AGM
 - passed a resolution recommending that grade 12 diploma exam be reduced from 50% to 30% weighting
 - Alberta's 50% is currently higher than most provinces which puts students at a disadvantage when applying to universities outside Alberta (harder to get a good mark)
 - province would still need to make the change
- 4-year plan is being worked on
 - joint school board/school council meeting gave input
- 2015-2016 school calendar has been chosen - school will start three days before labor day weekend in Sept
 - hard year because of where labor day and Easter fall
- Dec 4 meeting will focus on audit and budget (very tight this year)

New Business

- Council of school board councils is having a photography contest
 - is school participating?
 - can probably enter individually
 - start a school club? - Wayne would be interested in heading with some help from others
 - deadline is Jan 15

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48