

Manachaban School Council Jan 26, 2015

Present: Thomas Elbel
 Krista Stronach
 Bruce Woolrich
 Trinity Patterson
 Annette Dobson
 Callie
 Adam Robbie

Colleen Munro
Wayne Lenhardt
Marla Bosch
Gerry Gaudet
Ann-Marie Cinnamon
Keira

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Smoothie Move - student presentation

- trying to get healthier foods in vending machine
 - took out chips (Munchies are the worst)
- would like to make smoothies available at lunchtime
 - this would be student-run
 - maybe start with every Tuesday - announcement would be made on Monday
 - focus on making them available to the grade 5s and 6s (grade 7s and 8s can leave the school at lunch)
 - sell in 250ml size - reusable cups?
 - have priced out basic ingredients - milk, yogurt, bananas, strawberries
 - has Jugo Juice or Booster Juice been approached?
 - generally they are expensive - small is approx \$5
 - hope to sell for \$2 - would still give a bit of profit
- looking for money for blenders - have not priced these out yet
- does foods room have blenders?
 - yes, but they are not suitable for blending ice or for long-term use
 - need something more robust, but they could be used for a first trial
- these will take time to prepare - maybe start with 20 servings
 - take pre-orders?
 - or make, say 10 or 20 of each flavour and sell them 1st come 1st serve?
- plan to make posters and make announcements to advertise

Treasurer Report

- currently have \$3855.62
 - \$1000 for compassionate fund still to come out
 - \$600 for Quest theatre still to come out
- will have \$2255.62 when all current commitments are met
- walkathon cheque to be deposited - \$6980.83

Staff Report

- report cards successfully distributed
- parent portal is up
- parent/teacher interviews on 11,12 of Feb
- both boys and girls teams of basketball A won gold

- WILD program will go to Nordegg
- grade 6 will go snowshoeing
- Friday's PD Day is Community of Practice

Trustee Report

- met with Education Minister today - along with representatives from 5 other zone 5 boards
 - minister wanted information from the school boards -
 - asked for reasoning behind request to reduce diploma exam weighting (this resolution was passed at provincial meeting of school boards)
 - discussed the possibility of writing diploma exams at any time instead of specific exam times
 - students and staff in Cochrane are willing
 - asked how the school board inspires education
 - asked about challenges facing Rockyview - population growth and complexity of classrooms (this latter refers to the inclusion of all types of learners in classrooms)
 - discussed the budget
 - Danielle Smith and Bruce McCallister were also present at the meeting
- expecting the provincial budget June-ish
 - Rockyview will be going ahead with its budget - can't wait until June
- putting the finishing touches on the 4-year plan

Admin Report

- APORI (Accountability Pillar Online Reporting Initiative) survey - grades 4,7, and 10 participate
 - parent surveys are sent home
 - grade 7s will fill out survey at end of Feb
- Education Act - almost approved - comment period on regulations still open
- staffing changes
 - several teachers on leave
 - new caretaker on limited hours
- Mayor's Youth Council
 - one grade 8 student participating
 - 8 more students are interested - six from grade 8 and two from grade 7
- PD day
 - some people will be looking at digital media - using Google for portfolios
 - looking at project based learning with Blair Hatch from San Diego
 - sort of doing this with WILD
 - San Diego program has been very successful
- Janet Greaves has applied for grant to improve connectivity between schools
- classroom furniture has arrived - desks look like star trek insignia
- receiving phase 3 Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Renewal funding (\$150,000)
- will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 for a chance to win two Westjet tickets - should sell at parent/teacher night

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36