

Manachaban School Council March 23, 2015

Present: Thomas Elbel
Krista Stronach
Bruce Woolrich
Fiona Simoongwe

Colleen Munro
Gerry Gaudet
Marla Bosch

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda adopted by consent.

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- currently have \$10,836.45
 - \$1000 for compassionate fund still to come out
 - \$600 for Quest theatre still to come out
 - approx \$4000 for buses for active living day still to come out

Staff Report

- reports cards come out on Wednesday

Admin Report

- looking at implementing a “balanced day” next year
 - Mon-Thurs there would be three blocks of 110 minutes each, broken up by a 25 min break from 10:55-11:20, and a 30 min break from 1:10-1:40
 - Fri would see three blocks of 73 minutes each, broken up by a 25 min break from 10:08-10:33, and a 30 min break from 11:46-12:16
 - this allows kids a longer morning break to eat a substantial snack and have some time outside - current day has only a ten minutes morning break and a longer lunch break, but lunch is quite late
 - there will no longer be restrictions on where kids eat
 - could make Friday a longer lunch (since the day is short) to allow the older kids longer to go down the hill to buy their lunch
 - shorter lunch time still leaves time for hot lunches
 - 110 minute block seems long, but is effectively what is in place now (especially since some subjects are double blocked)
 - teachers have the ability to break up subject time as they see fit
 - will make project based learning easier
- Quest Theater
 - will be at school late April/early May
 - 36 students register
 - Mount Royal Financial Literacy trip is in conflict
- Staffing
 - Mme Arsenault will be returning
- Career and Technology Foundation (CTF) new curriculum to be implemented
 - Five areas of focus
 - Business
 - Human Services
 - Technology (not just digital - includes fabrication, construction, etc)
 - Resources
 - Communication (fashion and design falls here)
 - apply these to existing options - good coverage already

- Renovations
 - have \$150,000
 - will add more glass doors between classrooms
 - work can start on Monday
 - try not to be disruptive
 - summer doesn't really work for renovations because workers are often busy installing portable classrooms
 - see how far money goes - would also like:
 - a wall built in the shop space to accommodate tool storage
 - to redo art room - add sinks, put in new cupboards - and use it for science as well
- new teacher, Joshua Lafleur, has been nominated for Edwin Parr award (given to 1st year teachers)
- term 3 starts today
- grade 8 grad
 - looks like it will be a trip to the Wild Rapids Waterslide in Sylvan Lake

Trustee Report

- just had the grand opening for three new schools in Airdrie and Chestermere
 - CW Perry had a flash mob - lots of fun
- March 5 School Board Meeting
 - prioritized a budget in anticipation of provincial budget on Mar 26
 - focus is on learners - classroom instruction, special needs, numeracy, literacy
- March 11 School Board Meeting
 - approved instructional fees at \$115 (no increase)
 - transportation fees are yet to come - can either raise fees \$110 per family or use reserve monies
 - each bus route is approx \$50,000
- working on the Capital Plan
 - New Schools for Ffreside and Airdrie have been announced, but have not yet been funded - may have to put them back on the capital plan
- working on consolidating policies
 - currently have 127 - many are legacy
- attendance area for new school in Sunset Ridge - opening Fall 2016
 - initial consultation with parents has happened
 - scenarios will be worked on and then presented to the public
 - final decision in June

New Business

- Teacher appreciation day
 - looks like Wed, June 17 will work

Next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46