

Manachaban School Council Nov 23, 2015

Present: Thomas Elbel
 Krista Stronach
 Dawn-Marie Cinnamon
 Annette Dobson
 Bruce Woolrich

Colleen Munro
Gerry Gaudet
Marla Bosch
Trinity Patterson
Fiona Simoongwe

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Agenda presented and accepted
Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- currently have \$4953.52
- walkathon money not yet in
- \$1000 earmarked for Compassionate Fund
- \$1150 earmarked for drumming workshop

Staff Report

- grade 5 had a field study at Heritage Park
- Junior B Volleyball has an ongoing tournament
- Junior A and B basketball is being seeded
- Remembrance Day ceremony went very well
- Grade 5 vaccination coming up
- Monday is a staff PD day
- term 1 end Dec 3
- band concert is Thurs Dec 10
- There will be a Christmas Dance in the afternoon of Dec 18
- Halloween cook-off was a lot of fun
- there is a new grade 8 teacher and a new caretaker

Admin Report

- SARS - School Annual Results Report
 - presented to school council
 - PAT (Provincial Achievement Test) was above provincial average for “acceptable” level, but below provincial average for “excellent” level
 - ELA (English Language Arts) are very strong
 - improved in six of eight test areas
 - need to focus on french social studies and science
- gym & library update (projectors and screens)
 - look at doing only one - the library (approx \$5000)
- there is now a Gay/Straight Alliance at Manachaban
 - aim to make people at school more comfortable with who they are

- meditation group led by Mr. Lafleur meets on Friday
- Logo Contest (to replace the native warrior head currently in use)
 - have a shortlist of entries
 - may want to consult with native community (“Manachaban” is a Blackfoot Name, but the school exists on former Stoney-Nakoda land)
 - Colleen has connections

Trustee Report

- ASBA - Alberta School Boards Association meeting voted on LGBTQ resolution
 - RVS voted against because of the way the resolution was introduced
- Provincial budget released at the end of October was status quo
 - adding some admin staff back in
- there is \$3.3 million over the next three years to upgrade the wireless infrastructure in schools in RVS
- RVS board has compressed 127 policies into 23 or 24
- joint school board/school council meeting
 - examined best practices
 - Manachaban Compassionate Fund was put forward by Colleen as a “best practice”

Next meeting scheduled for Jan 25, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:16