

Manachaban School Council March 29, 2016

Present: Wayne Lenhardt	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Gerry Gaudet
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon	Adam Jamieson
Marla Bosch	Jackie Godard
Murray Besenski	Trinity Patterson
Thomas Elbel	

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

Addition to agenda - add Staff Appreciation Lunch

Agenda presented and accepted

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

Treasurer Report

- Current Balance \$11,730.81
- cheque renewal of \$60.57 still outstanding

New Principal Search - Murray Besenski

- before Thomas arrived at the meeting, a discussion was held about the characteristics to look for in a new principal
 - discussion included the things about the school that are working well, what programs/processes should be kept
- Thomas will be going to the new school in Fireside in Feb or March of 2017 (school opening is fall of 2017)
- talking to school council is part of the process in the search for a new principal
- advertisements will go in the Globe and Mail, as well as in Calgary and Edmonton newspapers
- expect 12-25 applicants, with interviews in May

Staff Report

- Grade 7s went to Telus Spark
- astrodome was set up in gym
- Mathematica testing done
- students went to construction expo - very well received
- students on Bamfield Trip right now
- grade 6s are playing soccer
- Grade 8s have a badminton tournament
- grades 7&8 going to Airdrie for the Rotary Band Festival
- grades 7&8 had a presentation on drugs
- one grade 5 class going to camp kindle
- PATs for grade 6 starting soon
- track and field is starting
- May 15-20 is grade 8 Quebec trip
- grade 6s have a band festival coming up
- Mr Duval is taking grade 7s to an engineering challenge at Telus Spark

Admin Report

- Annette Dobson has been nominated for the Edwin Parr Award - for excellence in first year teachers
- Terry White is retiring
- Andrea Tops is moving to a school in Airdrie
- expect new teachers in the fall
- grade 8 Farewell
 - June 27 or 28 is only day available for the water slide in Sylvan lake
 - June 27th may be too late
 - June 28th is last day of school
- one-to-one is coming for grade 8s (each student should have a device)
 - info for grade 7s will be coming in the next few weeks
 - still finalizing technical requirements
- School Education Plan (SEP) due in mid-May
 - will be similar to current plan (currently in year one of three year plan)
- next year will be implementing digital portfolios
- hockey is not likely to go next year - interest is dwindling

Trustee Report

- ads have gone out in the search for a new superintendent
 - competition closes May 7, shortlist of 4-5 will then be interviewed
 - Thoughtstream question available on RVS website for input
- April 14 was provincial budget - status quo
 - growth is being funded again
- August is end of teachers contract - need to start negotiating again
- Joint school board/school council meeting was held
- April 7, passed admin procedure to codify LGBTQ policy
- two new schools have been approved, but not yet funded

New business

- propose June 8 for Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- what is being done for volunteer appreciation?
 - last year did water bottles

Next meeting scheduled for May 30, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:40