

## Manachaban School Council Sept 26, 2016

Present: Marla Bosch	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Annette Dobson
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon	Tara Courte
Thomas Elbel	Gerry Gaudet
Fiona Simoongwe	Josh LaFleur
Sylvie Duguay	Dawn Dostaler

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Welcome and Intros

### GSA Presentation

- members from the school GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) gave a short presentation about some changes to some bathroom signs
  - school currently has four single-stall bathrooms which were formerly male and female staff washrooms
  - will be changing the signage on these to be “all-gender”
  - there are a number of different signs that can be ordered, but will probably use “All Gender” as this is what the high school uses

Addition to agenda - add elections

Agenda presented and accepted

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed.

### Treasurer Report

- \$350 from the school to school council received
- Current Balance \$12,020.39

### Staff Report

- pancake breakfast went well
- grade 6s will be attending band clinics (instrument specific)
- WILD went on their first trip
- meet the teacher night went well
- had a meeting for the new-to-Cochrane students (approx 12 of 20 attended)
- Roots of Empathy - three grade 5 classes will be participating this year (different baby for each class)
  - Town of Cochrane funds this (approx \$2500 per class)
- Terry Fox run will be Thursday
- Volleyball seeding is starting
- soccer is starting
- Cross-Country running starts next week
- WILD will be at the U of C next week

## Admin Report

- Walkathon
  - Oct 21 will be the 44th Walkathon with Oct 28 as a backup date
  - parent volunteers met last week
  - Rocky Raccoon will be there again
  - food committee has started work
  - working with town to get permit
- construction
  - wall went up in shop with windows and doors
    - portable dust collection system will be added
    - dusty work will be behind wall
    - wet work (eg art) will be in front of wall
  - would like to see concrete steps at front of school (on path leading from street to entrance) redone (they are crumbling, rebar exposed and rusting)
- staffing
  - Joshua LaFleur is now teaching grade 5
  - there are a number of new teachers for grade 5, as well as a number of temporary teachers filling in for absences
  - Kelly McLean is new office staff
  - new custodial staff Brad Shmigelskie
- currently at 448 students (approx 15 more than last year)
- digital portfolios
  - part of CoSL (Communication of Student Learning)
  - trying to decide on a tool - probably use Google Sites (Elizabeth Barrett is using Wordpress, Cochrane High School is using something else)
    - students are already using other google tools
    - Google Sites will be easy for students to take with them as they leave school (assume this tool will be around for a long time)
    - a brief demo was given
- one-to-one (computers to students in grade 8)
  - in use three to five days a week
  - approx 65-70% of students are bringing their own devices - most of these are laptops
- pumpkin festival is Oct 28 from 6-9pm
  - Cochrane High is running this
  - changing fee entries this year
    - k-4 is \$5
    - 5-8 is \$10
    - 9-12 is \$15
    - adults and businesses \$20
  - last year made approx \$2600
  - this year are inviting more schools to participate and will share the profit based on number of entries
  - Krista motions that school council buy up to 40 pumpkins for students to carve - Dawn-Marie seconds. Passed

## Trustee Report

- Rancheview school (in Sunset Ridge) will be fully open earlier than expected. K-2 already there. Grades 3-8 weren't scheduled to arrive until January, but extra work over the summer means they will be able to move in Oct 12.
- RVS is up approx 1200 students this year (50% more than was budgeted for)
- new superintendent is Greg Luterbach from Castlegar BC
  - has 11 years experience
- Oct 6 will be the RVS board reorg meeting
- have hired a consultant to think about ward boundary changes
  - growing populations in Cochrane and Airdrie mean boundary changes may be needed
  - must be presented to the minister by March in order for changes in the 2017 municipal election
- Nov 17 is joint school council/board meeting
- Alberta Education will be doing a curriculum review

## Elections

- Annette staying as treasurer
- Dawn-Marie and Marla staying as chair/co-chair
- Krista staying as secretary
- Dawn-Marie motions to accept the above as the new school council. Fiona second. Passed

Meeting schedule for the coming year is Oct 24, Nov 28, Jan 23, Feb 28, March 27, April 25, May 29

Meeting adjourned at 8:10