

# Manachaban School Council April 25, 2017

Present: Anne Kromm  
Krista Stronach  
Erin Carriere

Colleen Munro  
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Welcome and Intros

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

## Admin Report

- SOS-Q - Student Orientation to School Questionnaire
  - scored above average in many areas: safe and caring, self confidence, external resilience, internal resilience, peer relationships, extra-curricular activities, utility of school (is school useful), handling of school-work balance
  - useful to determine what elements of school are valued
- starting a partnership with Cochrane High regarding the CHAT room (Cochrane Healing Arts Time)
  - Janet Greaves room, the infirmary, storage room, and staff workroom are being moved around to create a CHAT-like room for Manachaban
  - will look at staffing once the dust settles from staff moves and the school downsizing (next year Manachaban will be grades 6-8 instead of grades 5-8).
  - looking at the name - there are many benefits to using the same name as the High School
    - students moving from Manachaban to Cochrane High will know what to expect
    - "CHAT" was never meant to be tied to one school
    - parents agree
- the cost of Brightsigns is approx \$6900 for two displays, the software and training
  - will be brought to the Fundraising Society for Approval
  - creating a Manachaban Tech Warrior Team

## Staff Report

- Last year of grade 5s at this school - want to celebrate
  - Grade 5 outdoor trips are planned for June at the Pioneer Ranch (June 20, 21 for FI, and June 22 and 23 for the English students)
  - using Walkathon money as well as student fundraising (eg bake sales)
  - want to defray cost of bussing - would like school council to consider \$1000
  - Krista motions to fund up to \$1000 from school council to defray the cost of funding for the grade 5 camp, Dawn-Marie seconds - passed

## Trustee Report

- instructional budget is ok
- bussing fees are tough - they will be going up - hope to decide by May 4
- June will be the big budget
- looking at board policies again - need some tweaking
- Education minister has approved new ward boundaries
- will be advertising to get people interested in the fall election/becoming a trustee
- on April 7, had a talk with the minister about infrastructure - was a positive meeting
- joint school council/board meeting - showed "Screenagers" - very good
  - would like to find a way to screen it for elementary and Middle School parents.

## TreasurerReport

- \$8863.95 in account

Next Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:32