

Manachaban School Council Jan 23, 2017

Present: Marla Bosch	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Trinity Patterson
Dawn-Marie Cinnamon	Dawn Dostaler
Thomas Elbel	Anne Kromm
Bruce Woolrich	

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm.

Welcome and Intros

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

Treasurer Report

- Current Balance \$12,460.11
- \$200 will come out for Seniors for Kids
- Active Living Day bussing for 2017 still needs to be paid

Staff Report

- organics
 - on Jan 10, the Town of Cochrane presented to students about worms and composting
- Dodgeball at lunch is lots of fun
- Wednesday is Active Living Day
- Next week is the Drumming workshop with a performance at the end
- basketball - Junior A is on the go
- grade 6 basketball has two girls teams and one boys team
- Feb is snowshoeing
- grades 6 & 8 will tour the Eco Center
- Grade 7s will go to Hogarth lake for snowshoeing and avalanche awareness
- parent/teacher meetings are Feb 8 & 9
- MADD will be presenting to grades 7&8
- WILD is going skiing and snowshoeing

Admin Report

- motion made to spend up to \$100 for a gift (card for movie and a meal?) for a staff member on leave due to personal matter made by Dawn-Marie, second by Bruce - passed
- new school opening in Sept could affect staffing here - will know later in the year
- New Principal, Anne Kromm, will be at Manachaban starting Feb 1. Thomas will be leaving March 1 to assume duties at new Fireside school
- weather for Active Living Day should be good
- APORI (Accountability Pillar Online Report Initiative) - grade 7 survey is arriving soon - can be done online

- short discussion was held about the criteria for Honors and Honors with Distinction certificates
 - some questions have arisen about the criteria
 - school has tried to be fair and consistent
 - criteria is laid out in the school handbook: http://manachaban.rockyview.ab.ca/welcome-to-manachaban-middle-school/publications/manachaban_handbook.PDF

Trustee Report

- in regards to the Evening of Excellence awards - 21st Century awards were paused last year
 - board will revisit this year
- In December, the board financial statements passed their audit
 - budget is approx \$250 million
 - RVS is the 5th largest school board in Alberta
- Fireside attendance area - need to balance with Mitford
 - meeting at Glenbow tomorrow night
 - revisiting boundaries drawn up last year - these would have the new school at capacity in approx 2 years
 - looking at leaving older neighbourhoods as they were
- ward boundary review
 - coming to board on Thursday
 - recommendation will be made, bylaw changed, then will be presented to minister
- planning session on Thursday is about budget priorities
- powerschool
 - some people are still getting multiple emails - seem to be interim reports as well as year-to-date

Next Meeting scheduled for Feb 28, 2017 - note that this is a Tuesday

Meeting adjourned at 7:57