

Manachaban Middle School  
Parent Council Agenda  
March 26/18 6:30 - 7:30pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:43
  - b. Present: Fiona Gilbert, TR, Katt Hryciw; Bruce Woolrich, Tara Courte (chair); Anne Kromme; Lisa Preston (secretary), KS,
  - c. Regrets: Jason Helfrich
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion made by LP, Seconded by Katt H
3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on Feb. 27/18
  - a. Adopted as presented
4. Staff Update (Katt H.)
  - a. Pink Shirt Day w/ new Manachaban pink shirts (101 t-shirts were sold!)
  - b. The grade 7/8 B Basketball teams have finished.
  - c. Grade 7/8 are getting ready for badminton.
  - d. The grade 7/8 band camp took place two weeks ago.
  - e. Manachaban is hosting 2 student teachers.
  - f. The Bamfield trip is in progress, with a total of 22 students (Wild students plus 1 extra) and Gerry Gaudette and Nancy Pollard.
  - g. On the March 12 PL day, staff went to Airdrie for Standards Based Assessment Practice in the morning, and a presentation by Calgary Sexual Health on gender diversity in the afternoon.
  - h. Term 2 ended on Friday. New options will start for Grade 7/8. Paper Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday!
  - i. Friday is start of Spring Break, April 9 is a PL day (COP) so students will return Tuesday April 10.
  - j. Mme. Kara (grade 6) has returned from her maternity leave.
5. Admin Update (Anne K.)
  - a. There was a recent visit from RVS Superintendent and Trustees to the school. The visit highlighted Manachaban's logo change, WARRIOR citizenship traits, the hub, maker space and Chat room (social/emotional supports) followed by a lunch with Staff.
  - b. Classroom instruction will be directed in the future via the RVS focus of targeting literacy/numeracy, as well as from the analyzed PAT results that identified areas needing improvement. The role of literacy within each subject discipline requires different skills. Work is being done to help with literacy and skill-based question (i.e. analyze this...) to include in courses by the end of June.

- c. Hub learning support team is doing a great job with the complex learners
  - d. School Education Plan will focus on above and physical literacy
  - e. Tri-school site is working together on physical literacy
  - f. A number of students have expressed interested in next year's P3 hockey to date: 10 grade 6 and 15 7/8 so far, final deadline is April 15.
6. Trustee Update (Fiona G.)
- a. Toured Manachaban last week! Thanks to staff and students. Board has been to almost all 48 schools over 9 days. Amazing how some schools have really changed since the last round of tours 4 years ago.
  - b. Transportation Consultation Engagement Survey: to address transportation deficit. The first survey took place in early Feb, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey is open until March 30 (Friday). The second survey encompasses 4 bundles of cost-saving measures were presented in the first survey, but did not include options that families did not agree with in the first round of surveys (i.e. taking \$ from instructional budget). Decision by board anticipated on April 12. Bell times will likely need to be adjusted by the end of June.
  - c. Capital plan approved. This plan requests funds from the AB government for 2019-2022 funding for what new schools we will need. For example: expand Bow Valley High School to the final planned capacity of 1400 students (from the capacity of 700 it is currently built to), and building a K to 5 school in Heartland (school site is not big enough to take k-8).
  - d. The Alberta government budget was received after the capital plan was approved. RVS was not awarded any new schools in the Alberta budget. That means no new schools will be ready for more than 4 years. Cochrane will be ok for space for a couple years. This presents a challenge: How to rally parents to lobby to increase funding for new schools in our division, since we are the fastest growing division in Alberta.
  - e. On Thursday April 12 the Joint Board School Council Meeting will be held from 5:30-7:30. A meal will be provided. The plan includes time for networking, focus group activity, strategies to increase parental involvement in school decision making, and the 4 year plan. RSVP through Anne to Ronda. (Note: decided after the meeting that Jason will attend).
7. Treasurer Update (Bruce W.)
- a. Missing March Statement
  - b. Financial statement requested from RVS for 2016-17 for School Council.
8. New Business
- a. Staff Appreciation Lunch
    - i. Planned for June 7 Thursday, 30 staff to feed. Allergies to be aware of include: nuts, apples (raw); and gluten.
9. Old Business
- a. Canadian Parents for French (TR):
    - i. the next meeting will be held in May 2018 (a priority planning meeting).

- ii. TR has met w/ Glenbow,
- iii. Meeting planned with CPF chapters in Airdrie, Springbank and Calgary to pool resources.

10. Adjournment @ 7:50 - Next Meeting April 23, 2018 (AGM September).