

Manachaban Middle School  
Parent Council Agenda  
May 28/18 6:30 - 7:30pm

1) Welcome & Introductions

- a) Present: Tara Courte (chairing); Jason Helfrich; Lisa Preston (secretary), T.R; Katt Hrycriw.; Gerry Gaudet; Anne Kromm; L.P., Bruce Woolrich; K.S.
- b) Regrets: Fiona Gilbert

2) Approval of Agenda

- a) Add CPF
- b) Add Tech Devices

3) Approval of Minutes from Meeting on April 23/18 – Tabled, as they were not distributed nor posted on the website.

4) Staff Update

- a) Track and Field Days occurred, 4 grade 7s and 3 grade 8s qualified for zones.
- b) Special events have occurred including the Indigenous games, which was involved participation and/or planning from all 3 tris-schools, plus community and RVS involvement.
- c) Grade 6/8 participated in some tree planting.
- d) The WILD program has been camping in May, will camp more in June.
- e) Quebec Trip has returned, all students are safe and sound.
- f) More field trips will occur in June, including:
  - i) New Venue for Grade 8 farewell... Cobb's adventure park east of Calgary.
  - ii) Last day of school will be a field trip to Calaway park
- g) Grade 6's performed at the Band Festival in May.
- h) Staff washrooms have been updated.

i) Staff Appreciation dinner is coming up (see below!)

5) Admin Update

a) School Education Plan (S.E.P.) is complete;

i) School and division is on the final year of a 4 year plan. The S.E.P. highlights the following 3 main initiatives from 2017-18: Literacy; Social/Emotional needs (CHAT room, equine therapy;) and Maker Space.

ii) Focus for next 4 years:

(1) Social Emotional: expansion of Chat room w/ CDA; to include group programs, connecting with *Stepping Stones for Mental Health* and the Boys and Girls club;

(2) Maker Space: to be connected to multiple program of studies; and,

(3) Literacy: the new format of option/LA classes to target groups of students to allow more direct teaching to meet each student's literacy needs, and mobile classroom libraries to be on rolling carts to encourage more reading.

iii) For more information on the S.E.P see the Manachaban website, where the S.E.P. will be posted shortly.

b) Thomas, Gerry and Anne were at the Cochrane Community Award Ceremony on May 27, as Manachaban was nominated for the "*Equity and Inclusion Champion of the Year*", honoring the process of creating the school's new logo.

c) Thanks to all council participants over the year. We will miss K. S. and Bruce W. who are leaving Manachaban.

6) Trustee Update – tabled (Regrets from Fiona)

7) Treasurer Update – balance is the same as past report... \$8157.31. Funds could be targeted to text books for grade 7's for 2018-19 (there will be 3 classes in FI instead of 2, so new texts will be required) as well as for consumables for Maker Space.

8) Old Business

- 9) Staff Appreciation Lunch: THURSDAY June 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - a) Food restrictions: 2 staff w/ no gluten, 1 w/ no dairy, and NO NUTS
  - b) We are still looking for 3 mains and a dessert. (Bruce, Trish and Krista signed up for mains, Lisa for dessert)
- 10) New Business
  - a) Tech Devices: T.R. offered information based on her recent experience with a damaged tech device. Instead of using warranty to replace, which has many time delays, parent may want to know that Staples offers a 4 year over-the-counter replacement plan on Chrome Books. This information could be passed onto parents for Grade 8 students next year (via website?). Trish will do a bit more research and will pass the info on to the school. Note: Chromebooks allow students access to internet, which is all they really need to complete their school work in Google classroom etc. Internet connection is required.
  - b) CPF update – met in April, meet on May 29 at T.C’s house. Angela is heading to Halifax for CPF national conference rep, has a piece for the June Newsletter explaining CPF. Ideas: Scavenger hunt, partnering w/ French speaking businesses in town. Membership drive in September... Looking for a good night to approach parents. Suggestion of Carnival for tri-schools in new school year. Social media presence is up.
- 11) Adjournment - Next Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday Sept 25, 2018. (Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> is a P.L. day)
  - a) Post adjournment discussion: Fundraising Society needs new person, as Krista will be leaving. An AGM will be held in the future to replace K.S. as treasurer and casino coordinator. (Steven Price is President; Christina Lewis is Vice Pres). Also discussed the pros/cons of Fundraising holding Walkathon funds versus school (school council).