

Manachaban Middle School Parent Council

Agenda

Nov. 26/18 6:30 - 7:30pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - 1.1 Present: Jason Helfrich (chairing); Leah Pearce; Lisa N Preston; Fiona Gilbert; Katt Hryciw; Gerry Gaudet; Anne Kromm
 - 1.2 Regrets: Tara Courte; Trish R.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve with addition of approval of minutes from September 25, 2018: (motion by LNP seconded by LP. Carried).
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1 Oct. 29, 2018 Minutes: Approved with correction of spelling of Mme. Katt's name (sorry) to Hryciw. (Motion by LP, seconded by JH Motion carried).
 - 3.2 September 25, 2018 Approved with changes to the spelling Mme. Katt;s name, as above. Motion by LP, seconded by JH Motion carried.
4. Trustee Update
 - 4.1 The work on the 4 Year Plan for that will begin in fall of 2019 is progressing. A second draft, with revisions to some of the headings and sub-heading has been published. For example, the "Network..." statement has been changed to "Navigate..". For more information, check out 2023bydesign.com. Developing the strategies needed to implement this plan is the next step and is a work in progress.
 - 4.2 RVS Administration has been directed by the board to go to communities of Chestermere and Airdrie to consult regarding boundary &/or grade changes required to accommodate growth. Chestermere changes will take place in September of 2019. Airdrie changes may be delayed to 2020. Cochrane will follow these 2 communities, likely will begin the consultation process in November 2019.
 - 4.3 The RVS Joint Board School Council meeting was on Nov 15, 2018. Thanks to Anne Kromm and Gerry Gaudet who represented us. Some of the information shared included funding that RVS is providing for RVS School Council Members to go to the Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in late April. The

funding application deadline is Dec 15. MMS parent council is an ASCA member since RVS has paid the fee for us. Therefore, we can therefore vote on resolutions at the ASCA AGM.

- 4.4 Five of eight RVS board members were at the Alberta School Board Association conference and AGM.
- 4.5 RVSs next board meeting is on Thursday November 29. They will be looking at the audited financial statements to close off last school year. As well, they will look at the finances for the first quarter of this year.

5. Admin Update - Anne Kromm

- 5.1 Anne met with Leah Pearce regarding moving the balance of the Parent Council bank account from ATB to within the schools accounting system, as mandated by RVS. As well Leah and Anne discussed how to use the Fundraising Society's funds to reach the most students.
- 5.2 Superintendent Working Committee for the next 4 Year Plan – met on Friday, November 23. Anne Kromm and Lisa Preston were selected from 70 applicants to join the group of 36. Eight main ideas of topics were discussed with the intent of creating strategies to support the iCAN statements. The group will meet again in early December to continue this work.
- 5.3 Real-Time Reporting (RTR). Staff are working at developing outcomes while addressing what RTR looks like for a middle school. The math teachers have done a fabulous job creating outcomes and have been requested to share their work within the division.
- 5.4 Data on student led conferences and goal setting collected to help inform future practice. Of the 36 families surveyed, response to the student led conferences and goal setting was generally positive.

6. Staff Update

- 6.1 Grade 6 volleyball has finished. Grade 7 & 8 B volleyball will wrap up on Friday Nov 30 with the last of 3 tournaments. There was good participation within both the boys and girls of Manachaban. This allowed 2 teams to be created for each gender.
- 6.2 Grade 7/8 A basketball tryouts begin this week. Seeding tournaments will take place in December.

- 6.3 RTR – was helpful from a teacher’s perspective to explain to parents how to access all the information that is available in powerschool.
 - 6.4 First term ends on Friday November 30. No official report card will be printed as parents can see powerschool for information and marks as we are using RTR. Options will shift for grade 7 & 8s along with literacy/numeracy and health blocks.
 - 6.5 The Remembrance Day assembly took place on Friday, Nov 9. The ceremony was well done, and the band and choir performed beautifully. Kudos to the Manachaban student who did a great job performing the Last Post!
 - 6.6 Students have attended two different conferences over the past month:
 - i 7 students went to the GSA conference in Edmonton. Students want to do it again next year
 - ii Several Student Council kids went to a leadership conference.
 - 6.7 Students in Grades 7 & 8 are invited to the Newsies dress rehearsal at CHS on Wednesday November 28. Hot lunch kids need to bring a BIG snack, as the viewing is over the lunch hour. Their pizza will be held for them until 2:00.
 - 6.8 Active living day is planned for Wednesday Jan 30th. At this point bookings are being planned and confirmed.
 - 6.9 Band and Choir Concert will take place Thursday Dec 13.
7. Parent Council Executive Reports
- 7.1 Co-Chair Report -no report
 - 7.2 Treasurer Report – Leah Pearce
 - i Presented the closing financial statement for 2017-18. Net loss of \$350.
 - ii ATB School Council Bank account has been transferred to School Cash Online, in accordance with RVS practice.
 - 7.3 Canadian Parents for French – no report

7.4 Manachaban School Fundraising Society: Leah Pearce

i The transition to the new Board is in progress.

11. New Business - None
12. Old Business - None
13. Adjournment – 7:35 pm
14. Next Meeting Monday Jan. 28, 2019