Manachaban Middle School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Oct. 29/18 6:30 - 7:30pm

1. Call to order at 6:35

2. Welcome & Introductions

    2.1 Fiona Gilbert: Tara Courte; Katt Hryciw; Trish R; Gerry Gaudet; Anne Kromm; Jason Helfrich; Leah Pearce

3. Approval of Agenda

    3.1 No additions

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on Sept. 25/18

    4.1 Tabled

5. Trustee Update

    5.1 Growth in RVS is still presenting challenges, particularly in Chestermere. The RVS capital plan for this year has been developed and was revised earlier this Fall. The capital plan downgraded 2 school requests as school sites are not ready (one in Cochrane {Heartland}; and one in Chestermere). Cochrane Bow Valley expansion remains as priority number 3 (will double capacity to 1400+ students). Top 3 requests are all desperate needs. No indication from AB gov on when budget (with indication of new school builds) will be presented as yet.

    5.2 Portable classroom requests have been sent to AB government for Sept 2019. RVS has requested 39 portables. Ten portables of this request are intended for Cochrane: 6 at Bow Valley High (free standing pod) and 4 at RancheView. Last year RVS received information about portable distribution in February. No large changes to attendance areas are anticipated if new schools are approved. A lack of new schools will mandate boundary changes.

    5.3 School Closure process has begun with Prince of Peace Lutheran School, near Chestermere. This is a leased building and the lease ends at the end of August. The lease will not be renewed due to developer interests.

5.4 RVS Draft 4 YEAR PLAN presentation:

RVS is developing a vision to direct education within RVS from August 2019-July 2023. Fiona led us through a power point and asked for feed back on the following **Draft Goals & Outcomes,** based on the acronym i**CAN** (**C**onnect, **A**chieve, **N**etwork)

Goal 1: Connect to their passions & interests

Outcomes:

- Students are resilient, healthy, safe and respectful of diverse cultures and traditions.
- Students engage in real-world, hands-on learning experiences that matter to them.

Goal 2: Achieve their potential

Outcomes:

- Students are literate, numerate, and acquire core competencies.
- Students meet high expectations and learning objectives.

Goal 3: Network with peers, parents & partners

Outcomes:

- Students demonstrate ownership of their learning, while collaborating with their community.
- Students make a difference in their life, school, community and the world.

If you are interested in providing feedback to RVS on the iCAN vision, please go to www.2023bydesign.com and complete the activity for the 2019-2023 Four Year Plan.

6. Admin Update

6.1 Outcome Based Assessment: Real Time Reporting – represents the real spot where your kid is at.

i Anne shared some background information from a variety of legislative and administrative sources relating to student assessment and communication of assessment. These sources included the Alberta Ministerial Order on Student Learning (2013); the Teacher Qualification Standard (TQS); and RVS standards. The focus is on competencies versus content, and on the process of learning.

ii Communication of Student Learning (CoSL) includes Triad (Student-Parent-Teacher) Conferences; Goal Setting, Portfolio, and Real Time Reporting.

iii SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely) goals are being taught to EMMS students. Students will be setting goals in 3 areas: Numeracy, Literacy and Warrior characteristics. These goals will be discussed at the November Conferences.

7. Staff Update (Katt Hryciw)

7.1 Terry Fox Walk – took place Sept 27

7.2 Walkathon on Oct 19: $10 000+ was raised. .

7.3 Student Council: lots of grade 6's applied, not all were able to be accepted.

7.4 Upcoming days: Dress like your teacher days, Kid Friendly Cappuccino Day (i.e. Hot Chocolate)

7.5 The "A" volleyball teams are over, grade 6 volleyball is on the go. "B" volleyball starts next week.

7.6 Round 1 of Halloween Cookoff – 43 entries; look at photos on Twitter; Finals will take place on the 31st.

7.7 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up (Tuesday/Thursay November 6 & 8)

7.8 Sat Nov 17: Laura Stiles (CDA) & Katt Hrycriw are going to GSA conference in Edmonton w/ 8 students from all grades (more wanted to come but only 8 tickets were available).

7.9 Choir is underway

7.10 Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Friday the 9th.

7.11 Wild has been on a few camps so far.

8. Parent Council Executive Reports

8.1 Co-Chair Report- tabled

8.2 Treasurer Report: Leah Pearce

i Financials: Balance $8157,31 in the account. Account is being transferred to be within the school's budget, as is occurring within most RVS schools. The Manachaban School Council needs to write a cheque to transfer the money..

Motion to transfer the entire balance of $8157.31 of the Manachaban Middle School Parent Council ATB bank account to Manachaban School Council under RockyView Schools. (Motion made by Lisa P, seconded by Tara Courte, motion carried).

ii The Grade 7's were initially scheduled to complete a field trip early in October that did not require snowshoes. However, due to safety concerns relating to road conditions, that field trip was cancelled. The replacement field trip requires snow shoe rentals. The snow shoes can not be provided by the school with this experience.

Motion: Designate $1 380.00 of the Manachaban School Councils funds to be used by the school to finance Snow Shoe Rental as an additional unanticipated cost associated with a field trip for the Grade 7's. (Motion made by Leah Pearce, seconded by Tara Courte; motion carried)

iii Last year funds were provided to purchase T-shirts for all Manachaban students with the school's new logo. The school would like to purchase shirts (one size bigger than current ideal student size) for students who are enrolled in grade 6.

Motion: Designate $1350.30 of Manachaban School Council funds to purchase Warriors T-shirts for grade 6 students. (Motion by LPearce, seconded by Tara Courte. Motion carried)

iv An opportunity has developed for the Grade 7 students to participate in the Hitman "Be Brave" anti-bullying event and game in February.

Motion Designate $1620 of Manachaban School Council funds to fund the attendance of Grade 7 students and the Hitman "Be Brave" Anti-Bullying Event in February. (Motion made by Leah Pearce and Tara Courte: Motion carried)

v A request has come to school council to donate $200 to fund the Seniors for Kids' Grandparent Program.

Motion: Designate $200 to be transferred to the Grandparent Program offered to students at Manachaban by Seniors for Kids. (Motion made by Lisa Preston, seconded by Leah Pearce: Motion carried.).

8.3 Canadian Parents for French (Trish R.)

i The first CPF event was well attended (~60 people participated). Also looking at coordinating publicity efforts with RVS.

ii French for Future Forum, approved to happened in March 2019 in Cochrane at RancheHouse. This event typically has a high school focus, but may try to include Grade 7 & 8 students as well.

iii Congratulations to Trish R. for her new role within CPF!

11. New Business

11.1 Manachaban Fundraising Society had it's AGM earlier in October. Brief Meetings will occur after School Council meetings.

12. Adjournment at 8:55

13. Next Meeting Nov. 26, 2018 at 6:30