

## Draft Manachaban Parent Council Minutes Feb. 22/21

Attendees: KW, Lisa Preston, Leah Pearce, Jason Helfrich, BB, Brenda Valerio, Jen Yersh, Katt Hryciw, Tara Courte (minutes jointly completed by Tara Courte and Lisa Preston)

- 1) Welcome!
- 2) Agenda approved (Kiltie/Jason)
- 3) Minutes of Jan.25/21 approved (Jason/Tara)
- 4) Trustee Report (as per Fiona)
  - a) Learning Mode Transition
    - i) Focus for the last little while has been the transition between learning modes – online to in person and vice versa – with the switch happening for elementary/middle school on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Division wide, at the elementary/middle school grades, there was little impact as the same number of students moved to online that moved to in-person.
  - b) Board Policies
    - i) The Board continues their work ensuring that RVS policies reflect the new Education Act, current practice, and desires of our stakeholders. Most recent policies to be updated include:
      - (1) BP7 – Board Operations,
      - (2) BP13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters,
      - (3) BP16 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel, and
      - (4) BP19 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Working and Learning Environments.
  - c) Advocacy
    - i) The Board continues to share our advocacy priorities with our partners and stakeholders and has recently met with Town of Cochrane and City of Chestermere. The Board also participated in a ½ day PL session on Shaping Government Policy – Having Your Voice Heard.
  - d) Budget 2021
    - i) The provincial budget is set to be tabled in the legislature on Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>. Given the pandemic and the current economic situation in Alberta, there is much concern across RVS and around the province on the impact that it may have on education funding.

- e) Inclement Weather
  - i) Any questions and/or feedback on inclement weather procedures and process and how things went for your family the week of Feb 15-19 with the extreme cold temperatures?
- 5) Admin Report (Brenda and Jen)
  - a) Portables have been approved and will begin installation in July 2021.
  - b) Renos are underway in the Foods lab and are going well.
  - c) Early number projections are in for next fall and they are a bit lower than expected. Even with that Manachaban will be over capacity.
  - d) Lockers are back in use with distancing precautions.
  - e) Students are well into options.
  - f) Many presenters at the online teacher's convention have left their content up online for staff to watch for the next 30 days.
- 6) Staff Update (as per Katt)
  - a) Staffing
    - i) Two student-teachers from Ambrose finished up their practicum
    - ii) U of C student-teachers (3) are now back full-time until April 23<sup>rd</sup> (were here before Christmas)
  - b) COVID: Lockers!
    - i) Starting today, students have access to lockers!
    - ii) Think of it as more of a coat hook: just jackets, snow pants, boots
    - iii) No other supplies, no locks: keep other things in class
  - c) PD: Convention
    - i) Took place online
    - ii) Actually pretty awesome! Live sessions, live and recorded, pre-recorded
    - iii) Lots of choices for what to attend
  - d) Renovation
    - i) Foods Room reno well underway
    - ii) Also updating the Tuck Shop
    - iii) Only one day of "disturbance" for everyone other than the Foods classes
  - e) Online / In-Person transition
    - i) Students have returned to class
    - ii) Teachers received progress reports from online teachers – will input those marks into PowerSchool

- f) Term 2 Ending
  - i) March 19<sup>th</sup>
  - ii) New options starting after that weekend
- 7) 7. Co-chair report
  - a) Discussion re: recruitment for council for next year since several people are “graduating” from Manchaban:
    - i) Tara to write up something for newsletters at Manachaban, Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett.
    - ii) Plan to invite council members from EB and Glenbow to attend April or May meeting.
    - iii) Move the AGM to May to fill executive positions before the end of the year.
  - b) Save the date!! March 25/21 is the Joint School Council Meeting via Zoom - invitation to come soon.
- 8) Manachaban School Fundraising Society (MSFS) Update
  - i) Leah reports she is finalizing the MSFS year-end report and will submit the required paperwork to AGLC.
  - ii) All remaining funds in the MSFS accounts, less the money required for hiring a casino liaison person for our next casino, will be gifted to the school for the purchase of a CNC machine with an attached laser printer. Awaiting final financial report to determine exact amount.
- 9) Next meeting: March 22/21 via zoom.
  - a) Note: April 26 is PD day our meeting– We want to invite folks to this meeting and this timing makes is tricky to recruit. We can re-evaluate in March.
  - b) Monday May 31 is our last meeting for this school year. (School Council is required to have 8 in a year).
- 10) Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.