

School Council Meeting Minutes

Manachaban Middle School

March 28, 2022

- i. Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
- ii. Approval of November 2021 School Council Minutes.

Motion made by Brittany Derricott. Seconded by Candi Glover.

- iii. Approval of January 2022 School Council Minutes.

Motion made by Brittany Derricott. Seconded by Jennifer Doyle.

- iv. Special presentation: Drug abuse. By: School liaison Constable Nathan Moore.

-The primary drugs seen in the schools are tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana.

-Most of what the police and administration see is usage, selling has been a secondary concern and only a problem in isolated cases. Protecting All students is a first and foremost concern.

-Students should utilize the tips line.

-Constable Moore and colleagues have seen an uptick in marijuana use since legalization. All should be reminded that vaping and marijuana are ticket able offences ranging from \$200-\$400.

-Prevention for drug use can come in the form of conversations with your child. Be open and honest.

-Harm reduction is a better strategy than saying “no”. To use responsible and be wary, that no street drug is safe. Forcing children to have hard conversations.

-There is zero tolerance for drug use and driving. Distracted driving is treated the same as impaired driving.

- The popularity of online platform use has changed the drug use climate in the past 10 years drastically.
- The police see harder drugs being introduced and experimented within the high schools. The guidance counselors are a great resource for both the child and police service.
- There are additional presentations that can be accessed through the school liaison constable. For example, distracted driving, impaired driving, drug misuse, and additional drug use presentations.
- To catch drug use in your children, watch for deviations in normal behaviour. This could be a change in mood, dipping grades, eccentric behaviour, or changes in their bank account.
- When confronting children about suspected drug use be non- accusatory. Listen and then react.
- Starting drug conversations as early as grade 6.
- Any further questions, feel free to reach out to Constable Nathan Moore.

v. Reports

a. Trustee report: Fiona Gilbert

EMMS Student Showcase

Thank you to members of the EMMS GSA who presented to the Board on March 10 showcasing the ongoing activities of the group and their plans for future activities to support all students. It was a fantastic presentation and it was great to be able to welcome students and staff to attend in person for the first time in over 2 years.

2022/2023 School Year Calendar

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Board has altered the 2022/23 calendar

to observe Sept. 30, 2022 as a holiday for RVS staff and students. The Board believes it is an important step on our journey towards truth and reconciliation to recognize the history and legacy of residential schools in Canada.

2023-2026 Capital Plan

Trustees approved the 2023-2026 Capital Plan which describes the critical need to provide additional space for students in Airdrie, Cochrane, and Chestermere. The #2 priority is a K-5 school in Cochrane. Full details are posted on the division's website at

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/plans_results

RVS 2022/2023 Budget

RVS' annual budget is driven by RVS' vision of being a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best. In support of this vision, the Board of Trustees has identified four key priorities to guide the development of this year's budget:

- Improving literacy and numeracy skill development at all levels
- Boosting mental health and wellness for staff and students
- Advancing student success through school level supports
- Enhancing innovative programming and learning spaces for students

The divisional budget will be considered by the Board at its May 26, 2022 public board meeting

Upcoming Meetings

April Public Board meetings will be held on Thu Apr 7 and Thu Apr 28, 2022, beginning at 10am, and are now accessible digitally via zoom at <https://rockyview.zoom.us/my/rvsboard>

For full information on the decisions and work of the Board, please visit

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/board_of_trustees/agendas_minutes_highlights

b. Teachers report: Kat Hryciw

SPORTS

7s and 8s

- A Basketball finished up
- B Basketball JUST finished
- Badminton teams now – so much interest!

Grade 6

- Basketball happening now – intramurals in the gym at lunch
- 3-on-3, students picked their own teams, finals later this week

SCHOOL

Lifting of COVID restrictions

- Masks now optional for both students and staff: some wear, some don't
- Field trips allowed again
 - Planning for Grade 8 Farewell tentative
 - Planning for Calaway Park, last day (Tuesday, June 28th)

- Others are happening (see events)
- Keeping some things in place from before
 - Staff moving instead of students
 - Eating in the classrooms
- Going back to some of the “old” ways
 - Students can gather in cross-graded groups
 - Clubs: GSA, Game Club, Art Club
 - Can use any door (though most just use their normal door)

CO2 monitoring

- Major upgrades to air system
- Monitoring CO2 levels in a few rooms – some higher numbers in enclosed classrooms (according to the little monitors), so brought in specialists for more detailed testing

Conferences

- Two nights: one on Zoom, one online
- Positive feedback from parents, happy to hear more
- Lovely to actually meet with parents – some of them were in our building for the first time!

STAFFING

Student teachers

- Still Gracie with Ms. Dilly

Temporary Shifts

- Jen Yersh off on temporary medical leave
- Réal Cyr in as acting admin
- Erin Laughlin in for Réal

Professional Development

- Two days of Teachers' Convention – online again, valuable
- Another day coming up next Monday

OPTIONS/ TERM CHANGES

Term 2 ended on Tuesday last week

Term 3 started on Wednesday

- Students made changes ahead of time with M. Cyr
- A few last-minute shifts happening now
- These will be the same now until the end of the year

EVENTS

Band Camp

- 8s went a week and a half ago
- 7s going now

WILD Winter Camp

- English WILD away now
- French WILD away later this week

GSA Presentation to Board of Trustees

- “Student Showcase” on Thursday, March 10th
- Katt Hryciw with two students
- Very well received – first in-person presentation since COVID!

Student Council organizing activities

- Put together some fun events for students
 - Theme days / weeks
 - St. Patrick’s Day
- Random acts of kindness: little notes on every locker

c. Administration’s report: Real Cyr

-Temporary staff changes.

-Parent teacher conferences went well. The feedback was great in terms of the delivery of half zoom and half in-person meeting style.

-Staffing in the works for next year.

-The school is receiving support on how to roll out the literacy assessment (which is the same across Rocky View).

-WILD classes. After sending out the survey it looks as if there will be enough enrollment for a French and English class.

-Feel free to reach out to administration with any questions.

vi. Unfinished Business: none

vii. New Business

-Website minutes are not up as well as the dates for the meetings needs to be checked for correctness.

-ASCA conference. All who would like to attend to contact Brittany.

-\$500 for the parent council to be spent on a parent engagement series. Resources sent home (and posted online) regarding literacy, numeracy, writing, and assessment. We are looking for additional input, if there is any, it should be emailed to Brittany (board chair) at brittderricott@gmail.com.

-Next meeting to talk about moving meetings to in-person starting the 2022-2023 school year.

viii. Next Meeting: April 25th @ 6:30pm

ix. Public/Parent Comments: none

x. Adjournment: 7:26pm