

# Manachaban School Council Feb 1, 2011

Present: Mark Kondro  
Krista Stronach  
Dave Levson  
Stephen Price  
Dianne Ivanitz

Colleen Munro  
Thomas Elbel  
Chris McKie  
Kelsey E  
Sara Busby

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

Welcome and introductions

Agenda presented and passed (Krista approve, Mark second).

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed (Mark approve, Dave second)

## Review of Action Items from last meeting

- Funding requests - to be dealt with later in the meeting
- Teacher recognition - to be dealt with later in the meeting

## Staff Report

- Tool chests have been bought and are now being used [council members were invited to come see them after the meeting]
- basketball - this Friday the grade 6 team is in Bears paw
- the lunch tables are a big hit
  - (some of the grade 8's are feeling left out since they eat on the floor in the hallway, but hey, life's not always fair)
- Grade 5 outdoor camp - this year they are looking at another site
  - Camp Chief Hector was being looked at but there are not enough spots available for this year, but will try for next year
  - Camp Horizon and Camp Kiwanis are also being looked at
  - Camp Horizon (in Kananaskis)
    - has a high ropes course
    - can bring in native speakers
    - does not have horses
- staff AISI - looking at outcomes and assessments

## Admin Report

- AISI - also looking at re-visioning
  - what is the school about?
  - what are the non-negotiables?
- further to the assessment topic - working toward common assessment for grade and subject
  - this will allow teachers to compare between classes as to how the students did, which in turn will help them examine differences in teaching methods and their effectiveness
- survey season is upon us
  - grade 7 is being emphasized (Alberta Accountability Pillar Survey)- there may be a competition set up between classes to get surveys turned in
- Rockyview Satisfaction Survey last year had only 11 parents participating
  - look for this one in April

- Green team - after the waste audit
  - there will be fewer garbage receptacles
  - proper recycling receptacles will be implemented - have applied for money for 3 or 4 stations
- Rockyview is looking for 2 parents and 2 business partners to attend a meeting on Feb 14 (9:30-2:30 at the Education Center in Airdrie) to begin discussions on the next three year plan
  - Sara Volunteers
  - Kelsey will be there for Elizabeth Barrett
- Thomas is looking into starting a breakfast program - this is not just aimed at poorer families but also those kids that need to be on the bus quite early and could use something else to eat before classes start
- Band camp is the 14 to 16 of Feb
- Active Living Day is March 10
- on March 1 the grade 5 will be going to Cabane a Sucre (the Sugar Shack) by Calloway Park
  - performers from Quebec are being brought out

## Trustee Report

- 3-year planning process - will look at past goals
  - ideas will be presented on Facebook as well as a blog
  - all high schools will have a speak-out forum
  - hoping to touch 10,000 people
  - trustees will then present to Alberta Education
- Thursday night is the joint board/council meeting at 5:30 at the Education Center in Airdrie
- Dave Hancock (Minister of Education) will be coming on Friday - hopefully to discuss the breakdown of talks with the teachers (next budget won't cover teacher salary increases)
- One to One program (a laptop for every student) at the high schools is still under discussion
  - Cochrane High will also have some wiring issues
  - Requiring students to have their own laptops will free up 60 at the school to be available to loan to students unable to purchase one
  - approx half have laptops already

## Financial Report

- Council has approx \$11,000
- final cost of tables was \$7193 (almost \$900 was freight)
- Casino money as of Jan 15 is \$9801.70
- Dianne believe Casino money can cover the entire cost of the tables (after the GST rebate)
  - this would leave the remaining money to seed the next casino
- Dianne will track down Dave Wilton (also on the Fundraising Society Committee) to get this paid

## Funding Requests

- Dave spent \$1259.98 on the tool chests
- Terry White wrote a letter to council requesting money for bussing for Active Living Day
  - request is for \$10 per student (as per last year) to offset bussing or other activities (if bussing is not applicable)
  - this would total \$4040
- Request was made to fund a student for the Grade 8 trip to Quebec
  - the student in question is deserving
  - Council has declined this sort of request in the past (where do you draw the line?)
  - Chris suggests that in future perhaps a specific amount could be set aside for general funding of trips
  - regular price of trip is approx \$2000
  - there may be other avenues of funding available - council was the first stop
- Document Camera - Dave will get to test-drive one for 6 weeks and then a decision can be made about purchasing one (\$749 to \$849)

- iPod Touch Lab Update
  - a presentation on what the ipod touches can be used for was shown
  - Mme Paskov is very keen
  - ipods can be used as clickers (to provide instant feedback to teachers on student understanding)
  - would start with 20 - kids can pair up
  - Glenbow has them as does Ecole Airdrie
- a discussion followed about funding options and council budget limitations
  - \$4000 for Active Living Day
  - \$1260 for the Tool Chests
  - \$6000-\$7000 for iPod Touch Cart
    - there are cheaper charging options than the cart - this could also be explored
  - Council should also plan on keeping a buffer for later requests
  - Council cannot fully fund all these requests
- Dianne motions to spend \$3000 toward Active Living Day, \$4000 towards the iPod Touches, and \$1260 towards the tool chests (Total \$8260). Kelsey seconded. Passed

School Council Connections is a conference to be held in Edmonton April 15 to 17. Cost is \$200 for the event and approx \$150 for the hotel. Looking for someone willing to attend.

Teacher recognition discussion is held over until the next meeting.

## Action Items

- Dianne to track down Dave Wilton to get lunch tables paid
- [this still needs to be revisited]
  - Gifts for new staff - this was approved in the minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting, but were not followed last year
    - do we continue this?
    - from the June 3, 2008 Minutes:
      - *Council looking at providing funding for staff illness (flowers, etc.) in event of retirement, maternity, family illness, death. Motion up to \$75.00 from Council funds for gifts, etc.*

<i>Transfers</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Illness, death</i>	<i>up to \$75.00</i>
<i>New teachers</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Retirement</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Maternity</i>	<i>up to \$75.00</i>
      - *Sandra Iverson motioned above. Carma Assel-Moore seconded*

Next meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.