

Manachaban School Council May 3, 2011

Present: Mark Kondro Sara Busby
 Dave Levson Marla Bosch
 Thomas Elbel Colleen Munroe

Meeting called to order at 6: 36 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda presented and passed (Sara approved, Marla seconded)

Minutes from previous meeting presented and passed (Marla approved, Mark seconded)

Review of Action Items from last meeting

- Confirm Casino funds payment for tables paid – Mark confirmed completed
- Include Fair Marks Policy to be included in May agenda – Mark completed
- Thomas to send out an email to parents to try to bring in more volunteers for the Fundraising Society – Not completed, carried over

Financial Report

- Sara arrived late but finances were currently at \$2811.15

Fair Marks Policy Review

- Thomas was hosting two review meetings of this policy
- Dates are to be May 19, 2011 and June 9th, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Staff Report

- Information covered under the Administration report

Administration Report

- The Breakfast meals is very successful – 60 breakfasts served the first day. Currently averaging between 50-100 per week
- School is proceeding with development of a Volunteer Registration web page
- Apori results are in and after a brief review the indications look positive
- The Rockyview Schools Surveys will be going out Wednesday. Administration has several plans to increase parental participation. This will hopefully provide a more balanced view of the school

- The school will be offering “Home Alone” & “Babysitting” courses during lunch break
- May 12 & 19th, the staff will be participating in “Google Docs” training
- May 24, there will be “Advanced Google Docs” training
- June 16th, the “Grade 8 Farewell “ will take place
 - 6:00 pm doors open
 - 6:30 pm ceremony will begin
 - 10:00 pm dance will conclude
 - Planning is currently underway
- Admin has purchased “Green” bins to replace the bags currently being used
- Student & Staffing expectations for 2011-2012 are:
 - Student enrollment to be around 420
 - New Grade 5’s to be fairly evenly split 54 English & 51 French students
 - Staffing expected to remain the same but classes will be larger
 - One staff position to be a “Job Share” position with both working .5
- Future Grade 5 initiatives upcoming:
 - June 7, 6:30 pm - Parent evening at Manachaban (to precede the Manachaban Parent Council Meeting at 7:15 pm)
 - June 10 – Elizabeth Barrett Grade 4’s to come to Manachaban for a school introduction
- Admin is looking to combine the Family Handbook and the Student Agenda. There was discussion regarding how to combine the two.
- Administration is meeting with the staff to get feedback as to what was working and where the challenges were.
- Administration asked Parent Council for their feedback during the meeting. Comments were:
 - Positives:
 - Students are engaged in the school
 - Students have a good sense of community
 - The tables for the lunch break

- Breakfast program was well received
- Challenges:
 - Both the Band and FSL programs have challenges
 - Tuck shop food program needs more development

Board Report

- Board will be approving the School District budget on May 19th, 2011. There will be an impact at the school level.
- May 12 – the Board will be wrapping up the Community engagement and use the information to produce the 3 year plan.

New Business

- May 25 – Manachaban Talent Show & Silent Auction will take place

Motion to adjourn 8:20 pm Sara, Seconded by Marla

Action Items Arising from the Meeting

- Krista to send out a reminder to School Council members that June 7th, 2011 meeting will start at 7:15 pm rather than 6:30 pm

Next Meeting to be held June 7, 2011 at 7:15 pm