

Manachaban School Council September 13, 2011

Present: Mark Kondro	Colleen Munro
Krista Stronach	Thomas Elbel
Dave Levson	Marla Bosch
Sharon Brooks	Stephen Price
Sara Busby	Dianne Ivanitz
Penny Beaudry	Janet Greaves
Sigi Sengl	Bruce Woolrich

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm.

Welcome and Intros

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

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

Review of Action Items from last meeting

- annual report to be completed by Mark - copies were handed out at the current meeting to be read later - comments are to be given to Mark in the next few days and he will submit the report

Council Exec Nominations

- Chairperon - Stephen nominated by Krista, Marla 2nd - passed
- Vice Chair - Marla nominated by Stephen, Krista 2nd - passed
- Secretary - Krista nominated by Stephen, Thomas 2nd - passed
- Treasurer - Sara nominated by Krista - Stephen 2nd - passed
- Communication Director - no takers
- Member at Large - Sigi nominated by Thomas, Marla 2nd - passed

Financial Report

- Sept 2011 - \$2811.21 in account with no outstanding bills

Staff Report

- Welcome breakfast had a great turnout with lots of students and parents
- classes are well underway
- staff have a new kitchen - from the Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Renewal Budget (RVS has a fund of 2 and a half million for all its schools)
- library has eight new breakout tables which can be configured in many ways
- Sharon presented a proposal to parent council for eight more tables as well as four comfy chairs and a small coffee table - total of \$3700 (final cost could be less depending on the comfy chairs)
 - Janitorial staff have indicated the chairs must have a washable surface - leather or fake leather for easy cleaning
 - do the chairs need to be new or will gently used be ok?
 - different people have different ideas of what gently used means
 - state of the furniture does set the atmosphere - newer sends a better signal
 - second hand not being entirely ruled out
 - council needs time to evaluate all requests - Sharon indicated this request was not an urgent priority
- gym floor has been redone and looks great

Admin/Staff Report

- Terry Fox run will be held Sept 28 -
 - students will run around the school and the Ranche
 - BBQ will be held in the basketball courts
- Walkathon
 - Dave is stepping down from organizing this
 - Thomas will be meeting with the staff on Thursday to determine if a walkathon will be held this year or if other fundraising will be done
- Fundraising Society Casino - Thomas has sent an email to recruit volunteers - he expects there will be no problem finding enough (need 18 per day for two days)
- English grade 8 classes are too full (both have 36 students - more than projected)
 - this will need to be mitigated - possibly by splitting the two classes into three
- There are currently 445 students at Manachaban (420 were projected for this year)
- Excellence in Teaching Award - nomination applications are available
- Thursday is meet the staff night starting at 6:30 in the gym
- attendance is being monitored - want to ensure students are taken out of class for good reasons (dental is ok, but maybe not haircuts)
- AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) - school is moving to Powersoft to track students and grades (Province has dictated that all schools must move to this software)
 - Colleen has suggested this may be a learning opportunity for parents as well
- Grade 7 & 8 teachers will be doing study hall again this year
 - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:15 in the library there will be teacher staying to help students with any questions they may have.
 - this was well received last year
 - starts Sept 26

Trustee Report

- Board Shorts are available on the RVS website: <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/boardshorts> . These are summaries of the board meetings
- New 3-year plan has been released
- Changes to transportation - students will now be bussed outside of 1.5km of schools instead of 2km
- Video (4-5min) about RVS Digital Natives is available on the Rockyview Schools home page.

Action Items

- none

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 4, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Remaining meetings for next year will be the first Tuesday of every month, except for January and April due to holidays. Meetings for the year are: Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.