

Manachaban Middle School
Parent Council Meeting
April 7, 2009

In attendance: Mike Summersgill, Dave Wilton, Sandra Iverson, Dave Levson, Patti Pederson, Susan Kempin, Colleen Munro

Meeting was called to order @ 6:35pm

Sandra Iverson motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Dave Wilton

NEW BUSINESS

- Walkathon went well, almost \$ 18,000 raised. IGA, hot dog buns, condiments, chips, plates donated. McDonalds donated juice & cups. MS would like a list of all donators, so a letter can be sent.
- Jeff Avery did a great job – he got donations from several companies.
- Something should go in the newsletter and newspaper.
- Motion made that council pay for than you ad in both papers. Possibly up to \$200 saying thank you to donators motioned by Dave Wilton, seconded by Sandra Iverson. Mike Summersgill will handle newspaper, Dave Levson will handle newsletter.
- Parent Volunteers were hard to find. Something to do for next year is to put it in the Volunteer form at the beginning of the year.
- Rocky View School charitable application. Manachaban did not apply. Mike Summersgill presented to all staff an on one came forward. Application was not put in. It is disappointing that money available was not asked for. There is some confusion as to where money can be used sometimes.
- Board of Trustees has decided the surplus funds would go into board's kitty, it will go towards scholarships. It will go to all 9 high schools.
- Dave Wilton suggests a copy be sent out to chairs. Colleen will make suggestions to Jackie Mirtel.
- Lights out article in paper. Mike Summersgill discussed with students. Manachaban was not highlighted in paper.
- Casino funds were \$42,997.07. Wish list provided by MS and Staff. Approximate costs indicates # of teachers that would incorporate into classrooms right away.
- DW thinks we should cover off 5 or 6 items to enhance learning for all kids.
- MS would like to see installation of speakers on gym wall. Estimate for \$2400.00. That is on priority. Another are smart boards & LCD TVs.
- There is a mix of English and French Teachers & grade levels.
- We want to impact as many students as possible.
- Everything on the list totals \$41,950.00.
- Once Mike Summersgill gets go ahead, he will order.

- Deferred until there are enough members to vote on it. Should be next meeting.
- DW received letter regarding raises Colleen will talk about in her report.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

- Survey questions handed out for students and parents. MS would like us to look at them & decide if anything is not covered or if we need more info on anything. Or any questions are irrelevant.
- After spring break, MS will meet with someone from central office re: symmering??? They compile information. Once information is received, it will be used to plan for next year.
- Things for next year, MS is meeting with teachers to see how they can improve learning for students next year.
- Different scenarios have been looked at for increasing academic time.
- 6 period, 6 day rotation looked good. Lunch time would change to 12:11 until 1:07? 4 in am, 2 in pm
- Something else for next year is to look at balanced assessment, next step is to look at how teachers report (report cards). There should be a celebration of learning. ie student led conferences, how to report a balanced assessment.
- Starting in September newsletter will be electronic.
- Grade 7s are going to Mount Royal College on April 28 for Jr. Achievement.
- Quebec trip first part of May.
- MS would like to bring parent council slide shows.
- Dave Wilton wants to know if hockey program can go year round. The ice stays in until the end of June.
- MS will talk to Mike MacMillan about it

TEACHERS REPORT

- Community of Practice was very successful
- Looking at new curriculum has been helpful
- Looking at new textbooks
- Walkathon turned out very successful
- Gr. 5 Outdoor Ed, May 13th and 14th @ pioneer lodge
- Recognition Assembly had a good turn out of parents.
- Character Assembly on humour went well

TRUSTEES REPORT

- School Calendar must have 950 hours of instruction. It is up to the school to divide hours.
- New calendar has substitute numbers going down. One of the things being measured.

- Policies H.K. student assessment, HKA student placement. On website.
- Distribution of literature by outside parties at discretion of principals.
- 3 year plan check up 3 weeks ago. Tweaking of plan – goals and strategies.
- Approved development of Education site in Airdrie
- Grade configuration changed at Beiseker School K-12. It will start to happen next year.
- April 2nd decided to put out an idea for Cochrane Steering Committee. Enrolment has declined at Cochrane High and Bow Valley. Committee includes staff, students, parents from both High Schools.
- Handout given.
- Meeting will be held Dave Wilton will represent council.
- Budget handout given.
- Website regarding budget:
<http://www.industrymailout.com/Industry/View.aspx>

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm