

Manachaban School Council Meeting

February 4, 2009

In Attendance: Dave Wilton, Dianne Ivanitz, Mike Summersgill, Christine McKie, Sandra Iverson, Dave Levson, Patti Pederson, Colleen Munro, Mike MacMillan, Mark Kondro

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Discussion:

Approval of minutes from last meeting. Sandra Iverson motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Dianne Ivanitz.

- Satisfaction surveys to be sent out May 4th and returned May 8th (tentative date). Dave Wilton thinks earlier sent out would be better to give a longer window for replies. Dave Wilton thinks after Easter and give a 2 week window to have them back. April 27th sent out May 11th return. Hopefully it will be brought back to council for June possibly
- On Feb. 23rd, council meeting re: funding. Dave Wilton can't attend and will see if Mark Kondro can attend.
- Active Living Day – March 9th. A suggestion was made that depending on funds required, council could support this by paying for bussing. About 9 busses needed.
- There is \$ 2343.00 in bank
- Mr. MacMillian has looked into a new logo, still waiting. Put in survey asking about changing logo? Start up for new uniforms would be about \$ 4000.00. Two sets of boys and girls volleyball and basketball. Mr. MacMillan would like to see kids learn user pay sports equipment rental.
- Dave Wilton will call Alberta Gaming to see if school uniforms can be included. Will let Mike Summersgill know.
- A graphic of new sports logo will be seen in next newsletter
- The wish list has not been prioritized will be done Feb. 9th at staff meeting along with pricing.
- School Council orientation Feb. 7th open to any parents 9:30-2:30 various workshops at Ed Centre in Airdrie

Principals Report

- PAT results analyzed 2 weeks ago current grade 6 teachers. They looked at things globally. Then broke down into specifics. At some point gr. 5 teacher brought in as well as 7 & 8. Teachers had lots of opportunity to share ideas.
- Slide show presentation as well as hand out. Determine what can be worked on in a particular group in the future.

- Chris McKie and Mike Summersgill are planning to visit other middle schools this month to see what works great for them.
- Parent Teacher interviews Wed. and Thurs. Internet sign up has been great. Made a big difference.
- Active Living Day, March 9th
- Band Camp, Feb. 23rd. Some kids will miss 16-20th and then 23rd – 25th. If you have kids in Band Camp there may be more homework.
- Emergency Preparedness. How are emergency crisis handled. Feb. 25th, there is a meeting with group looking after this.
- Tentative date on 25th to look at meeting with staff and parents to look at single track / dual track. What is the best way to meet needs of kids in EB, Manachaban, and Coch. High? 6:30 joint meeting between EB parents and Manachaban parents. Mike Summersgill will phone out to council on synervoice to all parents.

Teachers Report

- PAT very worthwhile. Specific items looked at and analyzed. Specifics were looked at to see what needs improvement.
- Honesty assembly was great.
- Grade 7 & 8 Volleyball finished last week. Grade 6 finished Friday.
- Basketball is starting
- Spell a thon was Friday
- Dave Levson wants to know if he will still get \$1000 – 1200 (approx) as in past years for outdoor ed.
- Proceeds are usually from grade level that has raised their money. There has not been a fundraiser and no one has committed to organizing anything. If there are other parents that want to arrange a fundraiser, then that can be done, otherwise, there won't be anything.
- Mike Summersgill will put in Newsletter that we are looking for volunteers to organize a fundraising event for school walkathon. Dance-a-thon or something.
- Once we know what proceeds from Casino are, there will be a notice sent home thanking volunteers and letting them know what the money will be spent on.
- Next meeting we should look at how we can get more parents out to the council meetings.
- Dianne Ivanitz suggests sending a synervoice asking for a parent volunteer to arrange a fundraiser for school.

Trustee's Report

- Meeting digest of public meeting synopsis can be found under our board and policies under Rocky View.
- Website under board shorts

- Every school, principal and staff working from same plans for emergency preparedness program.
- Last meeting pilot for CBE program was approved for safe surfing on web, grade 5 & 6.
- New Langdon school name is Sarah Thompson School. She was 1st teacher at one room school in Langdon
- 2009-2010 Calendar will be looked at.
- French Immersion discussions going on Feb. 12th.
- Special board meeting Feb. 12
- Budget late April
- Looking at JMR

Meeting adjourned 8:35