

Mannville School Council

Annual General Meeting

September 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:11pm

NOTICE OF MEETING: advertised on facebook, in pamphlets given to parents at Expo BBQ & kinder parents, and posted at the school

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Expo

ATTENDANCE: Kara Jackson, Dawn Kane, Brandy Hess, Tara Tod, Elizabeth Myhovich, Lisa Wright, Roxy Zahara, Cheryl McKillop, Ryan Baker, Stacey Barber, Rebecca McCullough, Jenny Wagner, Kerri Lorensen, Alice McLaughlin

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

REPORTS:

Principal's Report – Mrs. Barber

- Mrs. Barber presented a handout to all in attendance (also copy filed with Brandy)
- 207 students
- New Breakfast program: we were the chosen school for a pilot program for healthy breakfasts. Paperwork had to be processed quickly and submitted quickly. Apologies to the School Council for taking over the program we had running last year. Kids are loving the program so far! Breakfast program available to all students, no charge. Set up in the old staff room upstairs. All 4 food groups are available each day. There are also tables and chairs set up for the students to eat at. There are a few student volunteers as well who help out, and there is supervision up there as well. Mrs. McCullough adds if there are any volunteers interested they need help with cleanup for after the morning bell. At this time we do not know the future of the program (for the 2018/19 school year)
- Upcoming events in September:
 - 18th – High School Golf
 - 19th – Jr High Golf
 - 20th – Bus Evac AM
 - 27th – 2pm Assembly and Terry Fox
 - 28th – Picture Day
 - 29th – Orange shirt day, youth night, cultural evening
- Upcoming Events in October:

- 4th – citadel trip
- 5th – Celebration day at PV/No School
- 6th – Lieu day – no school
- 11th – Storyteller for Elementary
- 12th – cross country finals for BTPS, Hosted by us at golf course
- 16th – kick off to food bank, fcc food drive
- 18th – safe rider presentation
- 19/20th – gr 10 first aid
- 23rd – bus safety for all elementary
- 24th – bus safety for all ECS
- 24/25 – clay for kids
- 26th – school assembly/fcc wrap up

Ryan Baker – White Bus

- Bus not properly repaired or maintained. Needs a regular maintenance program. Should be a checklist for last person who drives it to mark any issues with it and have them addressed immediately. Ryan questioned how often it is used. Mrs. McCullough advised approximately 50 trips/year. Mrs. Barber advises BTPS requires them to keep up on maintenance. Ryan has it fixed currently but advises it is a poorly designed bus/bad year. Kara questions do we keep it and maintain it or replace? Ryan advises we could get approx. \$10-12,000 for ours, and a good, used bus would be about \$20,000. Currently parents are transporting kids to sports games which is not ideal. Mrs. Barber to discuss the bus with staff at upcoming meeting and get back to Parent Council at our next meeting. Tabled discussion for this meeting.

Alice McLaughlin – School Trustee

- This will be Alice's last meeting with us, as she is stepping down as school trustee. Alice advises she has enjoyed her time over the last 10 years and wishes our school all the best.
- ATA has initiated a classroom improvement fund, including 3 mental health professionals who have been hired.
- Mannville school has been rewarded some money towards a resource room, fire update and phone update.
- In June, a consultant was hired to get the word out about how great schools within BTPS are! He has interviewed trustees and many more and discovered it is all about attitude! Believe in yourself and your organization. Believe our schools

are the best. Also curb appeal is important. Keeping the front up to date and inviting.

- Paradise Valley school is done, holding a celebration Oct 5
- Irma School awarded, architect has plans done with a “wow” factor for the front
- Bags for Breakfast & Cornerstone Co-op. \$40,000 was given to the St. Paul school division.
- New policy has been created for service dogs within BTPS
- Since 2014 we are down 270 students in BTPS. Support staff is down 9000 hours, and also we are down about \$800,000 in budget.

Village Report – Vanessa Boe (presented by Brandy)

- Vanessa will not be seeking office again for the upcoming term. Has been a pleasure being the liason between the School Council and the Village.
- Work is finally being completed on the pedestrian crossing along hiway 881 and across the railway tracks, making a safer place to cross.
- Dean Gadke has been hired as the new operations manager for the Agricultural Society. He will be taking care of all bookings, and can be reached at 780-853-7257
- Canada 150 Grant of \$1000 – can apply starting Sept 26. Tabled this discussion for now to find out more.

VIBE – Kerri Lorenson

- has 2 roles currently, VIBE and Family/School Liason
- Very excited that there have been 3 mental health professionals hired!
- Currently 7 staff with VIBE, 4 from Mannville.
- Upcoming events: Mother/daughter day, VIBE day, and Art Gallery
- Kerri will be continuing with Youth Nights again this year – first one on 29th and partnered with FCSS.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tara re: executive board has talked about changing name of School Council to something more inviting and sounding less like “student council.” Mrs. Barber advised it has to be Mannville School Council legally but could have an AKA. Jenny and Ryan feel name is fine, but the meetings need to be posted more. Executive board decided to leave name as is.

OLD BUSINESS

- Increase Attendance: Ryan asks if meeting can be posted on sign in front of school. Eli suggested emailing parents, and that we need a yearly plan stating how we are going to be helping the school this year to encourage parent involvement. Roxy advises we can't just have it posted on facebook as not all parents use facebook. Asked if maybe our agenda could be attached to the teacher's newsletters to get word out. Kara advises we will schedule meetings for the year tonight. Roxy requests an emailed copy.
- RAFT: Kara suggested a random acts for teachers group – every month or every other month teachers are surprised with donuts, or small gifts or something to show our appreciation for them. Asking if one person would like to take it on per month – if you are interested chat with Kara to set up your month. Tara motions a budget of \$750/year for RAFT. Cheryl seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Fundraisers: to encourage parent participation need to have a reason we are raising funds ie: stand alone a/c upstairs or the white bus.
- Air Quality upstairs – Mrs. Barber advises blinds are closed but its still hot at 7am. Can't leave windows open overnight or sets off alarms. Maintenance suggested sending preschool and kinderkids upstairs as they are not at school every day. Roxy- buying a/c units wont fix the issue. Asks if it is an insulation issue? Asked if maintenance could attend our next meeting to discuss further. Mrs. Barber will contact them and advise of our next meeting. Jenny and Dawn both have portable a/c units. They will bring in to see if this helps before school council purchases one. If it does, Kara motions a \$1000 budget to purchase an a/c unit. Jenny seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Sports Uniforms: Mrs. McCullough advises approximately \$6,000 for 1 set of uniforms for basketball or volleyball. Double if you want an away set also. Kara suggested using Entripy and they could buy own or rent with a deposit. Ryan asks if we could ask businesses to sponsor? Mrs. McCullough advises she has in past with no reply, but could again. Ryan suggests mentioning our team's achievements when asking. Jenny suggests a blanket letter to businesses asking for support.
- Movie nights – discussed scheduling them for the year, however we just have one when there is a new release that we can show at school. Discussed having a retro movie night and showing ET or Back to the Future? Also in the past – having a vote on facebook or classrooms also helped increase attendance when students had the chance to choose.
- Kara re: teacher wishlists – what do they need? Tara has sent out with no replys so far.
- Newsletter – rather than posting the agenda on facebook , we will share a monthly newsletter on facebook and the school website with upcoming topics, events and more!
- Pioneer Grant – Tara has application form.
- Expo – attendance to supper and expo was down, as was amount of tables set up. Eli talked to one organization in Vermilion who said they had the same results, and thinks many just register online instead. Kara asks if worth it to continue this? Jenny suggests we tie in the expo with the meet the teachers and a BBQ all in one night. Dawn advises

we do the breakfast as a way to meet the teachers but could do as BBQ instead. Roxy suggests having breakfast and meet the teachers is hard for working parents. Jenny suggests a breakfast for students as welcome back, and BBQ for community and meet the teachers. We will try this next year and see how it goes.

- Back to school kits - \$428.34 raised! 36 more kits ordered this year than last!
- Hot lunch/breakfast program:
 - On average about 100 students use hot lunch, with about 130/140 on burger or hotdog days.
 - Approximately 6 students receive their meals at no cost and more as teachers see fit.
 - Breakfast program is ran by school for this year, is available to all students, and open every morning.
 - Tara suggests maybe the breakfast and lunch programs can work together in future.
 - Mrs. McCullough advises the grant received for the breakfast program won't let us do anything commercial.
 - Discussed having a gas stove in the kitchen.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR

President: Lori Harder steps down as president. Jenny nominates Kara Jackson as president. Kara accepts. No more nominations. All in favor. Kara Jackson is president for the 2017/18 School Year.

Vice President: Kara Jackson steps down to fill president position. Kara nominates Roxy Zahara as vice president. Roxy accepts. No more nominations. All in favor. Roxy Zahara is vice president for the 2017/18 school year.

Treasurer: Dawn Kane is ready to train a new treasurer, and step down from the position for the next school year. Lisa Wright advises she will be co-treasurer this year with Dawn. No other nominations. All in favor. Dawn Kane remains as treasurer for 2017/18 school year, with Lisa Wright as co-treasurer.

Secretary: Brandy Hess will remain as secretary, if no other nominations, for 2017/18 school year, but may not continue after this year. Kara nominates Brandy as secretary for this year. All in favor of Brandy remaining secretary for the 2017/18 school year.

Directors: Tara Tod, Cheryl McKillop, Ryan Baketr

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00pm

MEFA MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10pm

FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

- Vessey's seeds, touque and mitten fundraiser, ceasars pizza, beef raffle, magazine subscription
- Kara re: low numbers of people to help us so has to be something a small group can take care of.
- Eli re: we need to figure out an amount we are fundraising for and what it is for to involve parents.
- Agreed on a \$10,000 goal. Our focus will be on the white bus, and possibly by doing a beef raffle.
- Tabled discussion for this meeting – will discuss at next meeting

TREASURER REPORT:

- \$2228.82 in Ultimate Savings
- \$9125.62 in General
- \$2993.67 in Casino account.
- a \$100 donation from COPS as a thank you for letting them use our popcorn machine and projector on Canada Day
- Some expenses from last year:
 - \$3500 field trips
 - \$1098 travelling for provincials
 - \$674 microscopes
 - \$1000 K-3 Reading program
 - \$500 jr high college presentation
 - \$1575 casino advisor
 - \$137 teacher appreciation
 - \$500 roots of empathy course – Erin Hinton
- \$405 made at expo bbq but expenses not included in this amount.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00pm

