

Sturgeon Heights School Council

Meeting Minutes June 1, 2011

1. **Call to order at 7:02pm** - introductions made around the table
2. **Additions to Agenda**
 - none
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Christine Toner approved, Mandy Papadopoulos 2nd
4. **Approval of April 18th, 2011 minutes**
 - Heather Soetaert approved, Christine Toner 2nd
5. **Trustee Report - Wendy Miller**
 - Budget - We are heading into a 1 million dollar deficit for next year. They are working on a plan for the upcoming year
 - The Greater St. Albert Catholic Public School division have asked us to provide a secular education in Mornville for 2011-2012 school year.
 - The board is currently reviewing the Religion policy for the Sturgeon School district
6. **Chairperson Report - Tracey Buryska**
 - Tracey and Karrie Thompson did not attend the council to school councils meeting on April 19th
 - The learning Team flyer was passed around for those who would like to see. It discusses how to prepare your child for year end exams and many other topics. It will be posted on the bulletin board
 - Thank you to administration and school council for another solid year.
 - Annual General Meeting date will be discussed at the end of todays meeting
7. **Administration Report - Garnet Goertzen**
 - Thank you to school council for their work throughout the year and for their dedication and support from the PFA and Parents. Thank you for the purchase of the projector.
 - We are seeking information on the 2012 - 2013 school year in the Edmonton and Area to implement a one week break from school in November. The downside of having this week is that we would have to start school prior to Sept 1. Central office is also discussing this matter. Discussions were made around the table and the Majority are opposed to the extra week off in November. Wendy Miller will take this to the board.
 - School discussion regarding dismissal time on staff meeting days. We have confirmation that this could be a school by school decision. The existing role is for the children to eat lunch at 12:00 and dismissal at 12:20. The biggest concern for this practice comes from the safety of the students. Some parents have been picking up their children at 12:00 therefore causing concern for departure time. Second option would be to have dismissal at 12:00 and the children would then be expected to have lunch at their homes. Majority in favor for dismissal at 12:00. This change will be effective Sept, 2011

- Class sizes - The budget cuts will not impact Sturgeon Heights class sizes. The predicted class sizes are as follows:
 - Kinderstart/Headstart - 15 each
 - Kindergarten - two classes of 20 each
 - Grade 1 - two classes of 17 each (0.3 of day will have increases staff ratio to support the Reggio project based learning)
 - Grade 2 - 20
 - Grade 2/3 - 17
 - Grade 3 - 21
 - Grade 4 - 24
 - Grade 5 - 30
 - Grade 6 - 24
 - Grade 7 - two classes of 20 each. (combined phys Ed and Health)
 - Grade 8 - 30
 - Grade 9 - 31
 - Lunch breaks - same time off but Jr high will eat before recess and Gr 1-6 will eat after recess.
- Suspension Data by school year for Sturgeon Heights School

Year	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11 (effective May 31)
• In School	43.5	57	41	12.5
• out of school	56.5	56.5	31.5	14
• bus	48	29	19	0

 - huge factor in changing culture in school attributed to positive playground, which teaches kids to interact with each other.
- Learning Garden
 - Donations from several businesses and families including: Toyota - \$2000, Rockland - topsoil, Sturgeon Valley Fertilizer - \$100, Wirblich's St. Albert Greenhouse, Papadopoulos family - tools, Canadian Tire - \$75, Leibl family - rototilling, Soetaert's - rototilling and bobcat work, and family and friends
 - The planning process: Sigis will maintain over summer. We hope for respect from any vandalism.
- Lords Prayer

Discussions occurred around the table. We are obligated to provide an area/place for those who don't want to participate in the Lord's Prayer.

8. Teacher Report

- Nothing new to report

9. Parent Fundraising Association Report

- Track meet went well.
- Projector cost was \$17,785.95. Current balance in account is \$7977.27

10. Grade Representative Reports

- Primary - The learning Garden has brought a lot of excitement. The children are looking forward to the Children's Festival. Our choir received a silver in the music festival.

- Gifted and talented - It has been and good year and very happy with the program. The new name for G& T will Kindergarten enrichment program (KEP) and Playschool enrichment program (PEP)

11. Old Business

- 30 Hour Famine. There were some recommendations from families:
 - like to see more planning time and having other school staff involved
 - would like to see more structured educational activities connected to the purpose
 - would like to see more focus towards world vision
 - would like to see more scheduled activities during the downtime
 - concern regarding the fundraising - as we had already asked for donations regarding hair massacre
 - questions regarding the charity - how much goes to administration and how much goes to the actual charity
 - The hunger connection wasn't there - as the children were able to receive all the juice they needed, therefore didn't really understand or see the connection of being hungry

12. New Business

- No new business

13. Date for next Meeting

- Annual General Meeting Sept 26, 2011 at 7:30pm, preceded by the PFA AGM at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 9:30pm