

STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
November 21, 2011

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:33.**
2. **Introductions made around the table.**
3. **Additions:**
 - a. Next Meeting
4. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. – Suzanne Radchenko – approved, Trish Manning 2nd
5. **Approval of minutes from October 2011**
 - a. – Linda Wirblich – approved, Tara Bochke 2nd
6. **Administration Report – Garnet Goertzen**
 - Approval for Grade 5 Aid – interviews started today, Not only for Grade 5; will also do some floating
 - Bus lane (loading area) is complete, waiting for signs to come, Sidewalk will be done in spring, Buses will come off Northridge Drive and pull in, South end is for regular traffic
 - Steven Langer – Live Different Famine has been cancelled – not enough parents supervision
 - Security check will be grandfathered anyone new to the school will need it, There will be a letter drafted up and the RCMP in St. Albert will do for free
7. **Trustee – Wendy Miller (absent)**
 - Board meeting November 23rd @ 4:30 @SCHS, Going over the 3 different policies:
 - o Lord's Prayer
 - o Religious Themes
 - o Religious Instruction
8. **Chairperson – Tracey Buryska**
 - Listened to the ASCA Webinar – encouraged us to listen to it – 90 minutes, very good info - go to albertaschoolcouncils.ca, ASCA Webinar Oct 25/11
 - Attended COSC meeting at the Cultural Centre – all schools were represented by Chairs and Vice Chairs

Funding for playgrounds seemed to be the main issues for all the schools, Spoke about Casino's and our division can only get them in St. Albert
Recruitment and retention of volunteers

- Amanda deGuerre hired as Community Resource Person for the division, She will deal with mental health issues, mentoring, self esteem, providing right resources for the right problem, working with 15 schools in the division
- There is an information forum on Nov 26th with the Education Minister, Talking about making schools safe, Open to the public

9. Teacher Report – Mrs. Hamilton

- Student teachers in class with Mr. Perlinski, Mrs. Smeaton, Mrs. Hamilton
- V-Ball Champions – Boys, V-Ball Girls did well
- PEP Rally was great
- Dec 9th is Report Cards
- Christmas Concert – December 15th - Religion classes doing a number together, they will go back to classes and then participate with the rest of their classes

10. Grade Rep Report – Karrie Thompson

- Swimming started for Primary and Elementary
- Ms. Syd is going on Maternity leave as of December 23rd, posting for her replacement is up for starting in January 2012

11. PFA Report – Suzanne Radchenko

- Had an excellent meeting, it was 55 minutes long
- Mr. Sub lunch is December 20
- Putting the sign up for Snack shop on bulletin board across from office, Angela has volunteered to re-do the Snack Shop board
- Staff appreciation luncheon is December 14th – need 10 table cloths
- Ideas for big project were discussed but we would like more info from the junior high
- February 24th will be Family Movie night in the gym
- Poinsettia orders in by November 25/11
- Idea of a raffle at the Christmas concert brought up, think about it for next year maybe 6 front row seats and then the principals parking spot? Sell tickets for \$1.00 or 5 for \$3.00
- Would like a new oven for snack shop, the one we have is in rough shape
- At the movie night do a 50/50 draw

12. Old Business

- T-shirt update - \$6.00 – info will be given to Mrs. Yuzuk-Ayotte
- Pricing them out to get t-shirts for next year

13. New Business

- Movies and use of instructional time – Discussion about frequency and purpose of use
 - o Is there a blanket rule that teachers are using movies for curriculum purposes
 - o Snippets of movies that are related to curricular outcomes
 - o Yes, time fillers around Christmas time for sure
 - o May also be used as a reward for good behavior

Movies are not fillers for downtime

Will raise this as a concern at the staff meeting, making sure that if they do show movies it is curriculum related.

- The Technology plan will be out in the next little while from Mr. Langer
- Parents have asked if there was child care for the meetings –some suggestions but no decision to provide
 - o Maybe find a pool of kids that would like to babysit – decided not to give any names
 - o At Coffee with the Principal maybe get grade 9 students to babysit? Was mentioned that we would not want any of our children to miss class time for this
 - o SIGIS-? – probably not
- Topics for Council
 - o Highlight topics that we can talk about, advertise that we will be discussing these specific topics
 - o In May, we talk about staffing for the coming year
 - o Budget, let parents know when we are discussing it
 - o Could make agenda for a week before the meeting
 - o Could we get stickers made for the agenda's telling parents to check the website for the agenda
 - o March discuss – Community Support, April discuss – School Fees, May - staffing for the coming year
 - o Email families and let them know what is going on
 - o Send out letters asking parents if they want to know about the specifics of the meetings - Pam said she will draft up a letter
- School Photo's
 - o Suggestions made to isolate the class while child is having picture taken, for example use of dividers, Have more parents volunteer to

- help, teachers heads back to class and then a parent volunteer stays in the gym and then kids walk back to class
- According to Garnet, Life Touch has been great for the school aspect, works with report cards
 - Key is for more manpower during picture days
 - Will discuss concerns with Life Touch Rep – Garnet /Tracey
 - Angela will price compare other photo companies
- Excellence in Teaching Award 2012 - Encourage us to nominate a teacher,
 - Parent Expo/Conference Committee
 - Hosted 2 years ago - coincide with Education week, parents sign up and go to sessions
 - Suggestions: April date, provide child care, advertise earlier
 - Karrie, Angela, Jamie, Tara, Suzanne, Tara and Mandi will help out

14. Meetings for the Rest of the School Year

- January 23rd, 2012 – PFA @ 6:30 and Parent Council @ 7:30
- February 27th, 2012 – PFA @ 6:30 and Parent Council @ 7:30
- March 19th, 2012 – PFA @ 6:30 and Parent Council @ 7:30
- April 16th, 2012 – PFA @ 6:30 and Parent Council @ 7:30
- May 28th, 2012 – PFA @ 6:30 and Parent Council @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY