

STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:30.**
2. **Introductions made around the table.**
3. **Minutes and AGM circulated**
 - a. – Christine Toner – approved, Angela Baldwin – 2nd
4. **Approval of AGM minutes from September 2010**
 - a. – Trish Manning – approved, Mandi Papadopoulos 2nd**Approval of minutes from June 2011**
 - b. – Shawna Ethier – approved, Christine Toner 2nd
5. **Administration Report – Garnet Goertzen**
 - Class size break down was handed out, June budget cuts haven't affected us/class sizes are still good
Grade 5 class is a little bigger, Could make a 4/5 split but not feasible to move 2 kids from the grade 4 and 2 kids from grade 5 to make the split, makes no sense
Asked if there would be an aid in the grade 5 class, answer no money for an aid due to education cut backs, we are completely staffed out, 1 million dollars cut out of school and money needs to be spread out
Started 2 grade one classes but didn't have the large number we thought
Reassigned grade 1 teacher to kindergarten – 3 classes of kindergarten and 3 headstart classes
Kids enrolled in the school as of today is 382
 - Main goals – front and centre for all schools to work on embracing uniqueness in kids and meet individual needs
 - Assessment for learning – children have best information possible to work on
 - Fire drill – 2 more to come; bus evacuation on Tuesday, Oct 4. 1st drill went well
 - PIE Night went great – best turnout yet, it was sponsored by SIGIS
 - Volleyball teams are up and running, Matt Ohm coaching senior girls, former student Kristen Antherian is helping Matt out with the junior girls, Boy's volleyball team is coached again by Martin and Jeannine Kaup. They are both off to a great start.
 - PD Day Friday, October 7 – Off site at Gibbons school – re: critical thinking and then curriculum for half day
 - October 6th – Thanksgiving Assembly at 10 am in the gym

- Will be harvesting potatoes from the learning garden, When harvesting we will not be able to do the large groups again too many children, change the strategy, 2 classes together instead of cross-grading, We will be roasting the potatoes for the kids to try, Corn, not so good – only a few cobs, will be in the Thanksgiving display, Over the summer there was no vandalism on the garden but just last week some of it was
- The Thanksgiving celebration program will be in the September newsletter
- This is the last month that we are doing blanket newsletter, next month it will be available on the website – they will email the link to us
- Lord`s Prayer issue – synopsis/history provided from when issue first came up to decision today to let the Board decide via policy.
Parents voice concerns over length of time and process and inquire what can be done at this point – encouraged to attend Committee of the Whole meeting on Oct. 12, decision from Board to occur around Nov.

6. Trustee – Wendy Miller

- Religious instruction policy will be dealt with at the next school board meeting, anyone is welcome, will get back to us with the date
- Deficit – 1 million deficit
Cuts made with admin and schools – doing the best they can – Students First!!
- Our priority is classrooms, Admin has done a great job on class sizes
- New Morinville Secular school is great, teachers are doing a good job with what they have to work with, Modules should be in by December for them

7. Chairperson – Tracey Buryska

- Read the yearend report
2010-2011 was her third year as the Chairperson for the Council
- Objectives of this committee: is to become more active as parents, Strong partnership with the school and staff, Maintain a strong partnership with our Trustee and the board
- Accomplished via meetings, discussions, new family call out and invitation, events such as Bingo, Shrove Tuesday, Track Meet and Open House, PFA and School community purchased the screen and projector for the school
- Take pride in knowing that we have all the best interests at heart

8. Teacher Report – Mrs. Hamilton

- Nothing to report
- Making the necessary adjustments with staffing

9. PFA Report – Tracey Buryska

- Snack shop is in full swing
- Calendar being passed around for volunteers
- Magazines October 3, Wednesdays will be the days to turn in orders, 12th, 19th and 26th

10. Old Business

- November break – 2012-13 school year
School year would begin in August
Cindy Hamilton suggested October as per experience in Scotland
It will be sent through the parent portal for opinion
- Early dismissal is now at noon

11. New Business

Elections

School Council:

- Chairperson – Tracey Buryska
- Vice Chair – Pam Ryks-Paquette
- Secretary – Trish Manning
- Treasurer – Christine Toner
- Reps: Junior High: Jill Smith
Elementary: Karrie Thompson
Primary: Mandi Papadopalas
Kindergarten: Kim Martineau

Parent Fundraising Association:

- Chairperson – Suzanne Radchenko
- Vice Chair – vacant
- Secretary – Shawna Ethier
- Treasurer – Christine Toner
- Snack Shop Scheduler – Jeannine Kormysh
- Shopper – Jill Smith
- Hot Lunch Coordinator – Karrie Thompson & Angela Baldwin

- Elections Closed
- This concludes the agenda
- Coffee with the Principal is Friday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

12. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.

Adjournment – 8:45pm