

**STURGEON HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2011**

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:40.**

**2. Introductions made around the table.**

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

- Presentation by Sheri Reinhardt – under Admin report
- T-Shirts – under New business
- a. Shawna - approved, Christine Toner – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**4. Minutes From September 26 Meeting Circulated and Approved**

- a. – Christine Toner – approved, Tara – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**5. Administration Report**

- a. Presentation by Sheri Reinhardt; Proposal of a Famine fundraiser to support Live Different (formerly Absolute.org) Requesting go ahead from Council

Goal: Develop global awareness, empathize with under privileged Dec 8 & 9 (tentative), 24 hours in school – noon Friday to noon Saturday  
Tracey attended the Live Different presentation said it was good – stressed that more planning time was needed, focus on purpose and priority

Mr. Langer is willing to help

Ms. Reinhardt said she would like to have 4 stations with 4 different activities, 8 educational activities and that 24 hr is better than 30 hr  
Tracey asked that: the activities be presented to council, Junior high activity only, needs to make sure no issues with attitude and behavior  
They will be allowed juice and water, no rice this time

It was discussed that – the activities needed to be outlined and what is needed for parent involvement

Movies were over used last year

Need designated down time

Expectations of kids and parents

Acceptable and unacceptable behavior

Need a safety plan

Motion made to go forward – on the principal of a safety plan, expectations and letter, we will support Live Different fundraiser

Suzanne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and all in attendance were in favor

Sandra, Cheryl, myself and Tracey will meet with Sheri to look over the plan and make a decision

- b. Steve Langer mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Magazine sales was terrific sold 22,900 and also mentioned that we have a brand new computer lab with 38 computers  
Question asked about Mac's and the division will only support PC's, Steve is taking over the technology will have a 5 year plan
- c. Garnet went over the Provincial Achievement Marks  
Our school is at or above provincial results in 17 of 20 areas, Equal to the province in other 3 areas  
Disappointed with the knowledge and skills questionnaire regarding attitude as high school grads, way below provincial average, why?  
What do we need to do to make this a more positive outcome?  
Will bring discussion up at coffee with the Principal and see what others think
- d. Nov 18, 2011 is next coffee with the Principal
- e. Thursday they will be starting the new bus loading area to be developed on north side of school
- f. 2 new teachers in the school: Miss Sweeney supporting Mrs. Nero's and Ms Gauthier supporting Mrs. Kuntz's class

## **6. Trustee Report – Wendy Miller**

- a. policy and religion instruction exercises discussed at last board meeting, rationale needs to be added, principal can survey school population and go with majority. Intention of this policy school's will be able to OPT IN not OPT OUT, do what the community wants  
Garnet adds - Anything that is done during instructional time will not be religious in nature Inform parents if it is happening first thing in the morning exercises and the last 30 mins of the day, Christmas Pageant not a Christmas Celebration, Can't practice religious Christmas Carols as a school whole  
No time line yet, not able to give that until the meeting, deferred to Oct 26 or Nov 9? Agenda notes from board say the latter – Wendy will clarify  
Next board meeting is Oct 26 @ SCHS
- b. Morinville school is now moved to the School Division office, not enough room at Cultural Centre
- c. Exchange program happening at the High School
- d. 5 students registered in apprentice programs received scholarships
- e. The board gave kudos to Tracey for completing annual year end report

## **7. Chairperson Report**

- a. Attending Webinar ASCA – information for school council members, learn how to become a positive, productive member of parent council on Oct 25

- b. Pam & Tracey will attend Nov 7 Council of School Council meeting
- c. Tracey called 36 new families that are attending the school, spoke to 16 directly

#### **8. Teacher Report**

- a. Staff meeting on Oct 12, health unit nurse came in and showed staff how to use EPI pens
- b. Lock down demo and Fire Drill done by the Fire Department and it went well
- c. Report cards will be a little different
- d. Staff and kids cleaned out the learning garden, All potatoes were dug, kids had so much fun and they enjoyed the final culminating activity
- e. Planning Halloween activities, Grades 4 to 6 class parties in the last 2 hrs of school , Jr. High will be having a dance and have invited Namao, There is a haunted house scheduled for kids, Primary will have parties, not sure what time of day

#### **9. Grade Rep Reports**

- a. Mandi Papadopolas (Primary) reports it was amazing to see the kids enjoy the potato feast

#### **10. PFA Report**

- a. Decided that they will focus on stuff for the Junior High this year, Steve Langer will poll the kids and see what they would like to see
- b. Poinsettia's will be sold for Christmas from St. Albert Greenhouses, they will be providing coupons
- c. We will getting quotes on a BBQ for the school
- d. Next meeting November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30

#### **11. New Business**

- a. movies and use of instruction time – TABLED TO NEXT MEETING
- b. child care at meetings – TABLED TO NEXT MEETING
- c. T-shirts – sold as a way to unify the school community, can be included as part of school fees and then offered as ongoing fundraiser for PFA  
Discussion around logistics,  
Cost is \$7.21 with graphic  
Can be purchased in any color, Angela will come back with pricing

This concludes the meeting.

Adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21' 2011 AT 7:30 P.M, AFTER PFA MEETING WHICH IS AT 6:30 P.M.**

