

## **Sturgeon Heights School Council**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*20 present*

1. Call to Order

2. Presentation by SPSD

Mary Lynne Campbell presented a PowerPoint regarding the current lawsuit against Sturgeon Public School Board in the amount of \$32 million. The lawsuit was brought forward by Ardmore Construction and is regarding the current lagoon at Namao School. Sturgeon School Division responded immediately to the lawsuit and is actively fighting the lawsuit. The impact is a loss of funds to the students in our division. The litigation to this point has cost the School Division \$542,000.00. The next day in court is June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Terry Jewel explained the lagoon in Namao, the water in the lagoon is tested regularly. It has been in Namao since 1979. It is a three-chamber tank system that meets all provincial requirements.

3. Trustee Report

Trish Murray-Elliot presented briefly about the budget while the other school board representatives were present, so that more questions could be answered if necessary. Discussion regarding the current budget. The School Board has a 1.3 million dollar deficit for the 2019/2020 operation year due to the provincial changes to the education budget. The School Board has 1.5 million dollars in reserve. The current deficit will be covered by the reserves. Ms. Murray-Elliot will finish her report later in the meeting.

4. Minutes

Will return to approval of minutes after they are circulated.

5. New Business

No new business to present today.

6. Admin Report

Office referrals for behavioral issues are down which is a reflection of positive changes. 62 people attended the kindergarten open house, and there were over 90 attendees for the preschool open house. It was the best turnout in the history of the school. No name calling week is coming up, the theme is 'We are All a Team'. Mrs. Requa opened the floor for concert feedback, praise was given for the matinee option and the matinees were well attended. A suggestion was given to open the field for parking for the matinee performances as well. Next year we will advertise the 50/50 better in advance. Staffing Report: Ms. De Luca has returned from mat leave. Hour Zero safety protocols have been successful in their implementation during fire and lockdown drills. This protocol is very effective as all staff across the board are trained on one program. Surveys are coming out soon, please fill them out and encourage children in grades 4 and above to fill them out with consideration given to the answers as they are very influential in school

planning. Ms. Loh is coordinating the grade 9 farewell and planning is under way. Administration is currently reviewing the student code of conduct, primarily looking to adjust areas about reporting of unkind behavior and bullying, as well as looking at technology use policies, specifically issues around posting photos and videos taken within the school on social media, and finally making hate speech a level 3 infraction. Conversation continued around social media use within the school and how to mitigate social media use at school.

7. Trustee Report

Sturgeon Heights presented their results well to the division board, board needs parent feedback as to what parents want to see their children do when they leave the school division because that informs how the division plans for the future.

8. Teacher Report

Grade 9's are going to visit Sturgeon Comp next month as well as the Leg this week. Grade 5 girls group is wrapping up this month. Family Literacy Day is January 27 but being celebrated last block (2:10-3pm) on Friday and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

9. PFA Report

A report was not presented in the interest of time management of the meeting.

10. Classroom Reports

ECE: lots of positive feedback, open houses were great

Kinder: open house was awesome, Knuffle bunnies continue to be super popular, big focus on kindness and empathy in the coming weeks

Primary: lots of positive learning happening that is coming home as well

Elementary: no parent emails this meeting

Jr High: going well

11. Next Meeting Feb 10 @6:30pm

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Katie Richter, Secretary, Sturgeon Heights School Council*