

September 7, 2011 – Stadley Rough Media Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

In attendance were parent members: B. Cirella, R. Gonzalez, L. Hickey, L. Schechter, M. Dineen-Herzog, J. Amalfitano.

Teacher members: D. Bussmann, H. Rose, J. Sincerbeaux, M. Scott.

Public participants: L. Baker, C. Boller, K. Nash, J. Arizzi, S. Fusti. M. Johnson, principal.

Consensus was reached for M. Scott and L. Schechter to share the job of secretary for the 2011-2012 STR School Governance Council.

There was discussion on how to handle chair position. Chair's job would be to facilitate the meeting, set and post the agenda. Co-chair vs. vice chair possibility was discussed. Jill proposed a co-chair job with Barbra. Tabled until members arriving late arrive.

At first meeting, group in attendance decided on the council meeting the third Tuesday of the month. FOI requires the calendar year meetings be published. In December we can set the following year's agenda. There was discussion on the need to meet monthly. The majority of the group felt this was needed this year.

**Motion:** B. Cirella/R. Gonzalez - The council will publish the meeting dates through December.

**Action:** Approved – Unanimous

FOI summary reviewed.

**Community Members** – The community member may or may not be a parent in the school. Group discussed the requirements of the community member. Ingrid Alvarez and Penelope Ortega, members of the Hispanic center, were suggested. John Cherry, a former teacher was suggested. A religious leader or member of the Portuguese Cultural Center was suggested.

Suggestion was made to break into smaller committees to do the tasks of the group. Several spoke against this.

**Motion:** R. Gonzalez/B. Cirella - Members will contact potential community members and send information to members by September 21 to be discussed at next meeting.

**Discussion:** Legality of doing this ahead was discussed. Suggestion was made to post the agenda with discussion of the bios as an agenda item. The bios would be made public at the meeting.

Suggestion was made for the group to define what we would like in a community member to help us decide. We do not have to make this decision next week.

R. Gonzalez asked about our school improvement plan. M. Johnson explained the staff is in the process of creating this document. The focus is instructional. Many of last year's goals will be continued including student engagement, written feedback, school

climate and behavior plan and increasing reading and writing stamina. The other part of the plan addresses parental involvement. M. Johnson discussed parental involvement and engagement. She is willing to suggest names based on the council's needs and wishes. Dr. Gropper and Dr. Hines and Jill Almeida were suggested.

**Action:** Withdrawn by the maker

**Motion:** R. Gonzalez/D. Bussmann – Council members will bring prospective community member names to the September 27 meeting.

**Action:** Approved unanimously

Discussion resumed on chair positions. M. Dineen-Herzog nominated herself. B. Cirella agrees to not take the position. J. Amalfitano agreed to co chair with her.

**Motion:** - R. Gonzalez/ L. Schechter - To accept M. Dineen-Herzog and J. Amalfitano as co chairs of the committee.

**Action:** Approved unanimously

**Bylaws:** The group looked at the samples and discussed reviewing the document and bringing suggestions to the next meeting.

**Public Participation and Meeting Format:** Various formats for participation were discussed. Public comment can be added at a meeting, but it cannot be taken away. Discussion items must be limited to agenda items.

**Setting the Agenda:** The particulars of setting the next agenda were discussed. Items will be emailed to the co-chairs. The agenda will be posted 72 hours in advance.

**Items for next meeting:** Outcome Achievement Plan, Bylaws, Community Members, Public comment, Minutes approval, set October Agenda

**Motion to Adjourn:** M. Scott/H. Rose.

**Action:** Approved 8:46 pm