

## **STR SGC Meeting May 16, 2012- Stadley Rough Media Center**

***The minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting.***

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

In attendance were Parent members: B. Cirella, L. Hickey, M. Dineen-Herzog, J. Amalfitano, L. Schechter, L. Collinge,

Teacher members: J. Sincerbeaux, M. Scott, H. Rose, and S. Mills

Community Members: J. Cherry

Public participants: T. Canada

M. Johnson-Principal

### **Approval of minutes from March 20, 2012 meeting**

**Motion:** B. Cirella/J. Sincerbeaux to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting.

**Action:** Approved – unanimously

### **Public comment - 15 minutes**

No public in attendance

### **Introduction and conversation with Community Member Candidate**

J. Sincerbeaux introduced Dr. Theresa Canada. M. Johnson gave a quick overview of how we invited community members. D. Canada says she is interested if she can make a difference. She reviewed her areas of knowledge. The team explained the accomplishments of the group. Parent engagement was noted as a key area of focus. Dr. Canada suggested that the outcomes are important to consider helping determine the goals. Parent involvement is in her research realm. The group discussed possible focus.

**Motion:** J. Sincerbeaux/L. Schechter to accept T. Canada as one community member.

**Action:** Approved

### **Discussion of 2012/2013 calendar**

We will keep the calendar as set currently. The new community members can make these meeting dates.

The remaining meeting dates this year are: June 12, September 25, October 16, November 27 and December 18. The 2013 dates will be set in December.

### **Update of School Governance Board Elections**

The closing date for nominations was at the close of school last Friday. As of this time there were two teacher nominations and one parent nomination. Two additional parent nominations came in after the closing date. M. Johnson will reissue the nomination form. This will allow ballots to go home on May 30 with a return on June 1. Ballots will be counted on June 4.

## **Continuation of previous discussion of Epstein's Six Types of Involvement**

M. Johnson passed out the summary of the staff brainstorming and the SGC brainstorming as well as the identified priorities of the staff. One identified priority was a school year long calendar of events. The leadership team worked on this calendar. M. Johnson also passed out information from the SDE on COMPACT schools including a sample planning guide.

The group started discussion to address the known concerns: reading stamina, DRP scores (comprehension scores are good), vocabulary, problem solving in math, number sense. (STR made AYP in math as a whole school as well as all subgroups). Parent engagement clarification was discussed. The group looked for concrete ways to involve all parents and build community. The overall goal is student achievement. The group discussed the use of percentages to set goals.

Suggestion: vocabulary and reading stamina problem solving and number sense and % increase in parent participation.

The group discussed possible current participation opportunities we have baseline data on (Open House, Conferences, PTO, Parent Workshop Series). The group commented when the kids are invested... Open House – “Mom come meet my teacher” Concerts – “Mom you have to take me to...” Classroom events “Mom come hear me read my poem”, there is more parent involvement. There is a need to tie this into the day-to-day activities. There is a need to get parents to do more than just show up.

Some ideas as to how to break down our goals was discussed. The group will consider points to address/goals for homework. M. Johnson will collate the ideas presented and the conversation points tonight to help us focus on the targets the group wants to address and something we could present.

## **Agenda for the next meeting**

Introduction of new members  
Parent Engagement Plan

**Motion to adjourn:** I. Collinge/S. Mills

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

The next SGC meeting will be on June 12, 2012 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Melinda Scott  
STR SGC Co-Secretary