

STR SGC Meeting February 21, 2012- Stadley Rough Media Center

The minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

In attendance were parent members: B. Cirella, L. Hickey,

M. Dineen-Herzog, J. Amalfitano, L. Schechter, L. Collinge, R. Gonzalez

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

Public participants: J. Arizzi

M. Johnson-principal.

Approval of minutes from January 31, 2012 meeting

Motion: L. Schechter/L. Hickey to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2012 meeting.

Action: Approved – unanimously

Public comment - 15 minutes

None

Discussion regarding the election of Community Members

Last meeting's presentation was productive. The group thanked L. Hickey for getting Ms. Avallone to attend. J. Sincerbeaux contacted two at WCSU, one turned him down, one has not responded yet. J. Amalfitano contacted J. Forzani, he may decline due to time. H. Rose will contact E. Lima from the Hispanic Center. Others have contacted some and have not heard back or have declined. L. Schechter contacted J. Cherry, a retired teacher, who has ties to several local organizations, who responded positively. B. Cirella got two declines from people she contacted. The group would like to have candidates come to the group at the next meeting to introduce themselves. Individual SGC members will contact prospective community members and invite them to attend and introduce themselves and be made aware of their role. Those unable to attend could submit their interest in writing.

Discussion of Parent Survey

M. Johnson distributed some material on Parent Involvement. The group discussed some aspects of the survey, specifically related to the areas where we declined since the last survey. Less formal get-togethers and interview options were discussed.

Discussion of action plan for parent volunteer goal

How we can best engage our volunteers was discussed. Parents want information, how can we best give it to them? Specific suggestions such as welcome books, parent integration kits, parents reaching out to parents to make personal connections, events or connections, meetings at downtown locations. We need to generate specifics and then an action plan to engage our parents. How do we reach *all* families? One way to do this may be for us to use the Epstein model to guide our brainstorming. The group agreed for the next meeting we will address the first three in the Epstein model to create a Parent Engagement Plan, followed by the last three at the April meeting.

Elections

The process needs to get underway in April, just 6 weeks from now. The group needs to decide how the current group will divide. M. Dineen-Herzog suggested we contact her if we are interested in stepping down, then names will be drawn randomly. The suggestion is for two teachers and three parents to step down. We want to try to maintain a portion of the group for continuity.

Agenda items for next meeting

Meeting with Potential Community Members
Parent Engagement Plan
Election Process and Timeline

Motion to adjourn: D. Bussmann/R. Gonzalez

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

The next SGC meeting will be on Tuesday, March at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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