

STR SGC Meeting June 12, 2012- Stadley Rough Media Center

The minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

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

M. Dineen-Herzog, L. Schechter, L. Collinge,

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

Community Members: T. Canada, J. Cherry (7:35pm)

Public participants: Andrea Birch-Mohan, Estella Camacho, John Arizzi and Marc Poliquin (new SGC members)

M. Johnson-Principal

Approval of minutes from May 16, 2012 meeting

Motion: L. Hickey/J. Sincerbeaux to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting.

Action: Approved – unanimously

Introduction of new SGC Members

Andrea Birch-Mohan, Estella Camacho, John Arizzi, Marc Poliquin, Stephan Caratero

M. Dineen-Herzog thanked those who are leaving and welcomed new members. She

reviewed the work so far this year: Bylaws, elections survey, and goal setting. Tonight's goal is to decide on our type of parent involvement.

Public comment - 15 minutes

No public comments

Discussion of Parent Engagement Plan

M. Johnson explained the role of SGC to support school goals. She reviewed the work of staff on parent engagement and contents of this year's OAP. Our broad goal is to engage more parents in the area of reading and math. She reviewed our discussion related to the well-attended events being those with students involved. We want to focus more events on our goals in reading and math. Questions arose as how to get a larger variety of families/parents involved. Tying the material to the audience was also discussed. The various groups of parents were identified (ex: those that come to all events, those who only come to social events, those who live far). Engaging the parent *and* child is the identified need. Holding events at the start of the year was mentioned, in order to get benefit at the start. Holding events at the beginning and end would show growth. Surveying the parents at the start of the year to elect how information was sent home was another suggestion. Webinars, teleconferences, videotaping, and pod casts were all discussed. Getting the parents here and having the kids know the parents are here is the key. There are a number of factors involved in who comes to school.

T. Canada pointed out that we need to closely monitor how we present our events since many of our parents see the school as the instructors not them. We want to teach them how to expand their role as a parent. What is our baseline? The larger picture is expanding the role of a parent. Everyone can expand. There is a good deal of research available to support parents being asked what they feel they need rather than being told

what to do. Surveying the parents after each event is critical. The question now is how to proceed to best advise M. Johnson and how do we define success based on our identified goal of parent engagement. There is good information available on the State Department's SGC website. Compacts were discussed again.

Scheduling for next year

To accommodate all members, next year's meetings will be moved to the first Tuesday of the month. The meetings for the remainder of the 2012 calendar year will be: September 4, October 2, November 13 and December 4. We will examine the 2013 calendar in September.

Agenda for next meeting

Officer Elections

2013 Calendar

Update on parent engagement plan

M. Johnson thanks those members leaving the council.

Motion to adjourn: D. Bussmann/S. Mills

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

The next SGC meeting will be on September 4, 2012 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by:

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