

Sturgeon Creek School Council Minutes September 29, 2022 @ 6:00pm – Sturgeon Creek School

Immediately prior to calling the meeting to order it was determined that all in attendance be acclaimed as members of Council.

Nominations/Elections for Chair and Secretary took place.

Chair will be Krista Anderson

Secretary will be Becky Beal

In Attendance – Krista Olson, Krista Anderson, Melinda Romyn, Laura McCormick, Kelly Teeple, Angela Buckingham, Becky Beal, Chantal Seguin
Teacher Rep: Kim Walter
Principal: Donna Kowalski

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – the meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.
2. **Review and approval of agenda** – Kim made a motion to approve the agenda, Melinda seconded the motion. All were in favour.
3. **Review and approval of Previous Minutes** – Krista O. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Becky seconded the motion. All were in favour.
4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** – no conflicts declared.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes (Old Business/Updates)**
 - **Drug Information for Parents – James Woods**
 - James Woods (GHAC's Mental Health Worker) was willing to discuss/present either in person or virtually last year. Krista A. reaching out. We would like to have an evening presentation (1 – 2 hr. approximately). We would like it to be both presentation and time for questions and answers.
 - **2022 PRO Grant Feedback**
 - People have given positive feedback on the vegetable plants and salsa recipes.
 - **2023 PRO Grant – Cookbook consideration**
 - We will consider the cookbook option. It was discussed that the grant funds have rules associated. For example – getting parents involved.
 - **2022 Year End BBQ – expenses/profit**
 - The BBQ expenses total was \$1,368.00
 - The BBQ profit total was \$1,338.00 (approx.)

➤ **Update on outdoor volleyball net**

- The net has not been installed yet. There is some issue as there is cement on the bottom of the poles. Donna will follow up with Travis at the Board. If the net is not installed this Fall, it will be revisited in the Spring.

6. New Business / Updates

➤ **Action Plan**

- Funds have been raised for outdoor structure for last couple of years. We will continue to raise funds for that purpose as well as for swimming lessons.
- **Swimming** – It was discussed that students currently in grades 2, 3 and 4 have not had opportunity to take swimming lessons. It was confirmed that grade 1 students will be offered swimming lessons. The budget is for grade 1 students. In past, we have used fundraising money for swimming for grade 2 students. The council is willing to look at using fundraising funds for students in grades 2 through 4 to have opportunity for swimming lessons. The ideal preference is lessons in Baudette and for a week in June.
Potential issues identified – bussing availability and cost and instructors for the lessons
Donna will look into the potential for students in grades 2 – 4 to have swimming lessons using fundraised money and/or parental contributions.
- **Outdoor Structure** –
 - \$4,000.00 donation to be received from New Gold for the outdoor structure. Krista A. to follow-up with respect to those funds.
 - Two quotes are required before proceeding. We do have a quote from Veldhuizen's for \$15,000.00 approximately. Chantal will discuss with Jason Seguin obtaining a second quote.
 - Donna looking into Board getting building permit.
 - We would like to discuss the possibility of having volunteers build the structure with a licenced carpenter on site, as required. We have several capable members in our community that would be willing to help with this project
- **Christmas Dinner** – We will have our Christmas Dinner this year and will use funds from Hot Lunch.

➤ **Fundraising Plan**

- **Mom's Pantry** – We will be fundraising with Mom's Pantry again. Chantal will look into obtaining the order forms and arranging dates.
 - Profit from last year was \$2,841.00
- **Little Caesar's** – We have done this fundraiser for a few years. No final decision was made on whether we would do this again.
 - Profit from last year was \$866.00

- **Ideas** – Bring fundraising ideas to our next meeting.
- **Special Event Tracker**
 - There are 10 special event days where treats are allowed. The dates have been identified as: Friday before Halloween (Oct. 28), Christmas Dinner (Dec. 15), Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), Winter Carnival (Mar. 10), Spring Tea (May 2), BBQ (June 22), Grade 8 Grad (June 27), SK Grad (June 29), Baseball Tournament days (2) – dates TBD
- **Bullying Prevention Plan**
 - Krista O. indicated that Donna could talk to Tracy Idle or Hannah LeDrew or Firefly
 - Consideration for Parent Information Night
 - It may be beneficial to have an evening that would include drug information, and mental health information. Include James Woods in this evening.
 - Offer child care for parents so that they could participate. We could have high school students care for children while their parents are at the presentation.
- **PIC Rep**
 - Laura will be our PIC Rep. Chantal to assist with the transition.
- **Student Council (Kim)**
 - There will be a Student Council this year. Not organized yet.
- **Teacher Update (Kim)**
 - Soccer tournament was a success
 - Orange Shirt Day/Manitou Walk – older grades
 - Cross Country happening
 - Fall Harvest – grade 5/6
 - Staff decided that there would be no Musical/Play in the Spring. It would be revisited in the next school year.

7. Principal's Report (Donna)

- **New items:** asphalt at back of school, basketball nets, Air handling unit (Installation to be finished early October), 3D Printer, laminator
- **Hot Lunch** – Posting in Summer for Hot Lunch Co-ordinator on website. No interest yet. Spoke to Cara Scott at Finland Corners. It may be possible to have them offer hot lunch on Monday or Tuesday. Other options explored will not work – i.e. – Boston Pizza will not deliver. If anyone knows of any interested people – have them contact Donna
- **Milk** – Can order through cash online
- **Student Enrollment** – 105
- **ECE in Kindergarten** – Andrea Schram will be the ECE in the Kindergarten class

- **Microwaves** – Not allowed in the classrooms. Safety issue.
- **Anti Trafficking** – This topic was brought up. There was an online presentation that staff watched on the PD Day. Discussed possibility of having Tracy Idle talk to parents about this issue. (Perhaps include this topic in the Parent Information Night)

8. **Next Meeting Dates**

Meetings will be held at 6pm. The meeting dates will be:
November 22, 2022, February 21, 2023, and May 30, 2023

9. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Please submit agenda items to the Chair, Krista A - 2 weeks prior to the next meeting.

10. **Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm