

## Sturgeon Creek School Council Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2017

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*School Council Members Present:* Krista Olson, Melinda Romyn, Jen van Zwol, Andrea McNabb-Hansen, Sheila Wiersema, *New Member* - Nancy Jolicouer

*School Staff Present:* Sherri Hay, Shane Bliss

*Regrets:* *New Member* - Melissa Teeple

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1. Welcome and call to order
  - Call to order at 5:35 pm
2. Elections of the School Council
  - Chair – Krista Olson
  - Secretary – Melissa Teeple
  - The meeting was turned over to the Chair
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – no conflict of interests were identified.
4. Review and Approval of Agenda
  - Jen moved that the agenda be accepted; Shane seconded the motion; carried.
5. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Sherri moved that the minutes be accepted; Shane seconded the motion; carried.
6. Old Business/updates:
  - All of the playground equipment has been installed. The Board needs to replace the sand in the sandbox. Sherri requested more sand in the playground for the newly installed diggers. Shane will keep in contact with the Board to ensure more sand is added to the playground
  - Equipment Required:
    - *Ball Diamond Upgrades* – Repair/replacement of the mesh on the ball diamond backstops were on a summer work order for the Board and was not completed, Shane will follow up with the Board.
    - Equipment required –
      1. *Supplies for the outdoor classroom:* Shane compiled a list of items for the outdoor classroom and will use Outdoor Education Money to purchase supplies.
      2. *Electronic Video Screen* - Shane will continue to request an electronic video screen for the stage as the current system is a Health and Safety concern.

3. *Two basketball nets raised with key locks*- Shane will continue to request the Board install keylock basketball nets.
4. Shane is still hoping to get a couple dozen more ski sets to complement the 6 sets the school already has.
5. *2017/2018 School Council Goals:*
  - a. A **paint machine** (approx. \$1500-\$2000) which would help with lining the baseball and soccer fields.
  - b. **Spot Light** for the stage
  - c. A **Sturgeon Creek School rug**
  - d. Council will discuss any additional wish list items and identify as council goals at our next meeting.

7. New Business/Fund Raising Ideas:

- Mom's Pantry – Council decided to run this fundraiser right away as it has always been profitable in the past. Andrea will step up the fundraiser with an end date around the end of November.
- QSP - Sherri presented information on a possible fundraising idea from QSP for cookie dough, popcorn, magazines, flowers and chocolate sales. The Council decided to keep this fundraiser as a possibility for the future.
- Little Caesar's - Krista presented information on Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraising Program. Council decided to run this fundraiser in late January. Krista will arrange fundraiser closer to that date.
- Profits from fundraising will go towards swimming lessons and busing. Council members will identify other goals at the next meeting.
- Grade 7/8's Toronto Trip, discussed below.
- Recommendation from a parent to install tamper resistant electrical outlets in the classrooms. Shane recently asked teachers which classrooms need tamper resistant plugs and will follow up.

8. Teachers Report

- The Terry Fox walk/run raise \$3300; \$46,000 has been raised since the school started in 2001. The walk was well attended this year; school staff outlined a few changes for next year such as a shorter walk area for the JK/SK students. Thanks to the Chapple Fire Department who assisted with traffic on the roads during the walk/run.
- The Open house went well and was well attended.
- Joe Reynolds along with 48 volunteers planted trees around the school property on Sept. 23, 2017 as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TD Tree Days Tree Plant.
- September 29, 2017 is a PD Day. Staff will be attending events at DYS – EA's will be taking First Aid Training while Teachers will attend a Cultural Competency Session.
- October 6 is picture day.
- The Hot Lunch Program is being organized by Dawn Canuel, volunteers are always welcomed/needed.
- School enrollment is up, every grade gained this year.

- Jr. (grades 4-5-6) Soccer tournament scheduled for Sept. 26 has been rescheduled for Oct. 3 due to wet conditions. The intermediate tournament is still scheduled for Sept. 27.
- Kim Walters and Kerri Loughery are the staff members assisting with Student Council this year.

#### 9. Principal's Report/update

- This is the year of the Grade 7/8 Toronto Trip. They will look into bussing from International Falls to Toronto which should be approximately \$3500 less than the last trip. Plan is to leave June 9<sup>th</sup>, arrive in Toronto June 10<sup>th</sup>, leave on June 15<sup>th</sup> and return to International Falls June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board installed a new UV water system, a green light needs to be installed, staff and students have been supplied with bottled water.
- The school has completed all 3 fire drills and the lock down drill will be tomorrow.
- The young men/women conference at Sunny Cove Camp will take place the end of October.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Orange Shirt day, Grades 5-8 will go to Manitou for morning celebrations.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> is Cross Country.
- The budget was reviewed:
  - \$450 for donations
  - \$2600 for Field Trips (not from the board)
  - \$4500 hot lunch program
  - \$1900 Milk Program
  - \$3500 Mom's Pantry
  - \$1700 Musical
  - \$470 Playground
- EQAO data indicates reading and writing for grades 3 and 6 is excellent, math for grade 3's is excellent however math for grade 6's is lower. Board and province wide results are similar. Sturgeon Creek School will continue to incorporate math in many different ways.

#### 10. Other correspondence

- Student Council Report/Update – A student council of 11 grade 7 & 8 students was formed. The school held their annual open house, with the inclusion of the first Toronto trip meeting of the school year. The 'Power of One' presentation took place with the main idea being every student has the power to make a difference by standing up to and/or reporting bullying. The next Student Council event is a Thanksgiving craft and activities for the whole school.
- Clothing Sales – For families interested in school clothing flyers will be sent home for families to contact Cindy Judson directly. Krista will confirm with Cindy before flyers are sent home.

11. Meeting dates, all meetings starting at 5:30 p.m.

- November 21, 2017
- February 27, 2018
- May 8, 2018

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

- Provide agenda items for the next meeting to the Krista at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting via email at [knolson@hotmail.com](mailto:knolson@hotmail.com) or by calling/texting 275-8190.

13. Adjournment at 6:38 pm.