

Stanley School Council Minutes

February 7, 2007

Present: Marcia Pertuz, Erika Swanson, Pat Whalen, Kathy Bergeron, Kathy Hersey, Colette Brenner, Eileen Stanowicz, Christine Power, Priscilla Picardi

1. Public Input - No new public input received by the School Council.
2. Language Classes Update – This went before School Committee and a flyer was sent home to parents this past week.
3. Budget – This was e-mailed to School Council by Marcia Pertuz. It has not been approved as of this date.

Items being considered in budget are as follows:

- Part time School Adjustment Counselor
 - Coordinating times for Pre-School
 - Substitute days for testing, conferences, etc.
 - Homework help clinic – propose to start in October from 3:15-4:15; transportation is an issue as late bus is costly (“What would it take to get a late bus?”)
4. Foundation for Excellent Schools – Marcia stated that the school is going forward becoming part of this organization. We are building a community with Brandeis. Carole Pickett, a principal from Castleton, Vermont, was very helpful with getting Stanley School involved with her ideas and suggestions
 5. Parent Satisfaction Survey – This is a survey about how parents are satisfied with the school year. It was suggested that March and April is a good time of year to send it out to parents if want numerous responses.
 6. New Business –
 - Stanley School Orientation Film – how the school operates was discussed. This would be a good visual aid to show new and kindergarten parents. Suggestions for film included:
 - ✓ Café information
 - ✓ Cars drop-off in AM and pick-up in PM
 - ✓ Holiday shopping
 - ✓ Book fair
 - ✓ Super Sundae
 - ✓ Teacher Luncheon
 - ✓ Field Day
 - ✓ Role of PTO (i.e. membership, visiting artists, etc.)
 - Fast Math by Tom Snyder Productions – Marcia has purchased 10 CD’s to pilot this math program. Cost was \$2,000. It is specific to each student (log in). This program is a fun way to practice math facts with a rapid retrieval.

- Some discussion about Internet Safety and MySpace.com issues with our students. Jenny Murphy and I-Safe team are presenting important info. to parents on Weds., February 14th in place of originally scheduled PTO Meeting.
- Next Council meeting will be held March 7, 2007 at 3:15 PM in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Whalen