

Stanley School Council Minutes

February 6, 2008

Present: Marcia Pertuz, Christine Power, Kathy Bergeron, Colette Casey-Brenner, Erika Swanson, Barbara Byam, Angie Holness, Lauren Doherty, Priscilla Picardi, Julie Wack, Pat Whalen, Patty Cummings and Eileen Stanowicz and Community Member Millie from RTN, filling in for Rosana Parodi who is out on maternity. We were also told that she had her baby boy last Friday ... Congratulations, Rosana !!!

Public Input - No new public input received by the School Council.

1. Minutes approved from previous meeting January 9, 2007, motion to accept from Marcia Pertuz and seconded by the Council.
2. School Updates – Marcia Pertuz stated she had very sad and happy news to report. She informed us that our secretary, Marian Parrella has accepted a position with the Superintendent and the School Committee and therefore has left Stanley Elementary. Everyone is happy for Marian, this is a great career move for her, but we're all sad she has to leave us and we wish her the best. Marcia went over the procedure for how a replacement is found, but in the interim Karen Scanlon is the substitute Secretary. Marcia also mentioned Noreen Cooke is back, picking up her load and trying to get back in the groove. Noreen still has the assistance of the temporary help provided by Title 1 that had been taking her place until she returned. Marcia stated that Speech Therapist, Sharon Kelly was still on medical leave. She hopes Sharon will be well soon and returning later this spring. Marcia also mentioned that two new committee's are in process. There is a Read-Aloud Committee, which studies have shown how important it is for children to learn by this method. Following this, she has implemented that she will open their monthly assembly with a story. She also stated that the Librarian and Technology Teacher have teamed up to bring the students a slide show by grade and by class, of their favorite book covers. They have also started graphing books they've read by class on the School Bulletin Board. There intends to be more of this and a lot more for Literacy Week in March, including a Family Reading Night. The other committee is a Recess one. Kris Scheufele is heading this one. She is to get together a group of parents willing to help with the recess coverage's, so that students can get out more often. Marcia is open to this as long as the Children's safety isn't compromised. She intends to meet with the Recess monitors and staff to get their views on this as well. At this time, a list will be made to determine if this change is even possible. She will report back with the final outcome. Lastly, she also mentioned completely separate from above, that Susan McKinney is going in front of the School Committee to try and change back the policy of no recess on gym day. Marcia feels that this may be the year to get this done.
3. Student Pick-Up Proposal – We are moving forward with the survey we spoke about last meeting. Next week, a student will begin to count cars in the pick up line. Then after vacation, the colored surveys (5 colors, one from each day) will be handed out and compared with the car counts from the previous week. At such time a determination will be made to see if a new procedure should be implemented. Parent, Julie Wack has come up with this form and with the help of Priscilla Picardi they will be taking on this task. Julie and Priscilla plan to hand these out at the beginning of the pick up line and

will pick up responses from the parents or guardians at the end of the line when they get their child. After the forms are collected, tallies will be done and they will report back the findings.

4. Upcoming Budget –Marcia and the Council went over the proposed budget with priorities. She stated that she was presenting it next week. She will report back with results as soon as they become available.
5. Family Workshops – There are currently two planned, A Family Math Night for sometime in late March or April brought to us from the Math Team ... Pat Whalen, member commented that plans are still underway, but there hope is to offer a couple of fun games for each grade among various stations. A Family Reading Night to be held Wednesday, March 5th, sponsored by PTO. There are a variety of activities planned and the hope is to have a fun family event, as well as spread the word about the importance of reading to your children.
6. Parent Resource Center – Once again, this was discussed in great length and basically at this time it seems that the idea is great, but there are many issues that would need to be resolved before something like this happens. We will discuss again at our next meeting.
7. New Business – (Stanley School Website) Marcia stated that Susan McKinney’s husband, William has been working on this with the Technology teacher, Holly Connolly and it’s almost done. It will be ready to view soon. Everyone is very excited and a special thanks William, Susan and Holly for all their help.
8. Pilot Enrichment After School Program – Marcia is looking into this further; there is a Brandeis group that would like to get involved with more fun activities with the students. Priscilla Picardi is also looking into a program called, Destination Imagination and it’s all been tabled till next meeting, March 2008.
9. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Power