

## Stanley School Council Minutes

March 5, 2008

Present: Marcia Pertuz, Christine Power, Kathy Bergeron, Erika Swanson, Angie Holness, Lauren Doherty, Priscilla Picardi, Julie Wack, Patty Cummings and Eileen Stanowicz

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

1. Minutes approved from previous meeting, February 6, 2008. Motion to accept from Kathy Bergeron and seconded by Julie Wack.
2. School Updates – Marcia Pertuz congratulated Phys Ed Teacher, Julie Ranucci on her presentation to the Rotary Club on the topic of “Success.” She updated us that the School Secretary’s open position is on hold and Karen Scanlon will remain as substitute, until further notice. Marcia also informed the Council that Literacy Week was in full swing. The week had been started with a full school assembly, several guest readers have been in reading to the children, and a fabulous Book Fair has been ongoing all week in the Media Center. There were also two evening activities planned, a Family Reading Night and a Meet the Author night. All of this was planned to reinforce how important reading is in your child’s education. She also mentioned that the Math Night has been postponed until April, due to the original date conflicting with MCAS and MEPA testing. Parent, Kris Scheufele, is chairing the Recess committee. Kris is getting together a group of parents willing to help with the recess coverage’s, so that students can get out more often. The Council is generally receptive to this idea, as long as the safety of the Children isn’t compromised. She will keep us posted as to the progress made once the meeting with Kris Scheufele and other parents has happened. She also mentioned, completely separate from above, that she wanted to thank Susan McKinney for presenting to the School Committee last week. Susan is trying to change the policy of no recess on gym day and presented many studies and research done to back this. The overall consensus is that this change will happen, but not until September. Lastly, she mentioned that MEPA testing was starting next week and MCAS towards the end of the month.
3. Student Pick-Up Proposal – The pick up observation and survey’s have been completed and are currently determining the best way to handle the situation. After a lengthy discussion, the Council recommended as part of Kindergarten Orientation that taking the bus if offered be presented as part of the “whole learning experience.” It was also mentioned that something be written in Tid Bits, to remind and encourage the use of buses. In the meantime, we will try and come up with a more favorable solution. Marcia wanted to thank James Brenner, Julie Wack, Priscilla Picardi and Jennie Scafidi for their help in this recent undertaking.
4. Budget –Marcia reported to the Council that she met with the Superintendent and City Manager. She believes that some of her requests will be granted and some were declined due to lack of funding. She does believe her request for some new 2-way radios will be approved and that the remainder of the proposed items will be determined at a later date.

5. Stanley School Website- Marcia stated that it would be revealed very soon. Thank you again to Holly Connolly, William and Susan McKinney.
  
6. After School Enrichment Program – Tabled till our next meeting in April.
  
7. New Business – Marcia stated that she had some very important people coming to Stanley School on Monday, March 10, 2008. She had been recently contacted by Congressman Markey’s office. As part of a Green Initiative for the State they would like to conduct a speaking engagement at Stanley Elementary School in Waltham. She also mentioned that there was a large list of attendees, including Speaker Pelosi. The Council discussed the importance of this program. We felt in addition to these guests that as part of a lesson plan, the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders be invited to attend. She would contact the teachers concerned and thanked us for our input.
  
8. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Power