

STANLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
3:15pm Stanley Conference Room

Present: Marcia Pertuz, Colette Casey-Brenner, Christine Power, Kathy Bergeron, Angie Holness, Erika Swanson, Pat Whalen, Barbara Byam
Absent: Julia Wack, Lauren Doherty, Rosana Parodi

- 1. Public Input** There was no public input
- 2. Minutes** Minutes from the June 4, 2008 were accepted with the change that Norma Renna is not Noreen.
- 3. Review of configuration of School Council**
 - a. Co-chair** Colette Casey-Brenner agreed to continue in this position
 - b. Scribe** Christine Power is no longer able to be the scribe, we hope that one of our new members will take over this position.
 - c. New members needed Staff** members Priscilla Picardi and Patricia Cummings have resigned. Parent member Eileen Stanowicz is no longer eligible as her son is now in middle school. Lauren Doherty will have trouble attending every meeting due to a change in her work schedule, and has offered to resign. We need an equal number of parents and staff members, so we are looking for two new staff members and at least one more parent member. We announced that we are seeking nominations at the September 9 PTO meeting and Marcia will send out nomination forms to the staff and to the parents. Voting for parent members will take place at the October PTO meeting.
 - d. Term limits** We agreed that there will be no term limits, but that members are encouraged to make a year long commitment.
 - e. Meeting dates** We agreed that our meeting dates and time would remain the same as last year, the first Wednesday of the month at 3:15.
- 4. Update on opening of school & new staff**

New teachers are Corinne Anderson, grade 1, Molly Jane Shveda, SEI grade 1, Norma Renna, SEI kindergarten, Christina Walsh, Resource Room grade 5 and Colleen Hogan, grade 4 until Jan. 09. New paras are Diane Bonika, Leah Proctor, and Theresa Frazier.
- 5. Academic Initiatives for 2008-2009** Kindergarten: Lively Letters and Handwriting Without Tears, After & Before School Jump Start classes, Grade 1: Guided Reading, Successmaker, After & Before School Jump Start classes, Grade 2: Sheltered Literacy Block, FastMath, After & Before School Jump Start classes, Math & Mentoring, Grade 3: Successmaker, FastMath, After & Before School Jump Start classes, Grade 4:

Successmaker, FastMath, After & Before School Jump Start classes, Grade 5: Teaming, : Successmaker, FastMath, After & Before School Jump Start classes

6. **AYP update Preliminary** MCAS results show that while we did well in the aggregate scores, our subgroups continue to underperform. We will have more information for the October meeting.
7. **Challenge Classes** the district is currently seeking a challenge teacher to serve our students in K-5. We discussed the plan to offer after school enrichment classes.
 - We will try to use Brandeis students.
 - Class offerings will be based on the college volunteers' interests.
 - Classes will be in 8 week increments, meeting Tuesday and Thursdays, or only one day per week.
 - There will be a Fall (Oct/Nov) session and a Spring session (Feb/March)
 - Classes will be open to all students at Stanley
 - We will have and enforce behavior expectations
 - We will charge a fee for supplies and to pay an on-site coordinatorMarcia will check with the school department on the logistics of paying the coordinator, and meet with Brandeis volunteer coordinator.
8. **New Business** We will be holding interviews for our school secretary position. We will have a committee do the interviews, and will ask Marian Parrella if she would be able to be part of the committee. Colette Casey-Brenner agreed to be on the committee, and either Erika Swanson or Pat Whalen will be on the committee, representing teachers. Kathy Bergeron will also be on the committee, as well as Tom LeFort and Priscilla Picardi.