

Stone Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: August 31, 2006

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Avon Library

- I. 6:40pm Sandy Apps called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the first Stone Creek PTO meeting
- II. 6:42pm School update was presented by Stone Creek Elementary board president Bill Hammer on the following:
 - a. \$250,000 Letter of Credit to the Town of Avon for putting the land back to the original order upon vacating property – Thanks to Millennium Bank and 10 to 12 parents, the letter of credit has been satisfied.
 - b. The building is coming along nicely and many people showed up for the scheduled tour today. He will be organizing another tour in the near future.
 - c. The new start date will be September 20th.
 - d. The school board would like the PTO to come up with solutions regarding day care needs before school starts.
 - e. Stone Creek Elementary School's Principal, Betsy Hill, will be organizing a time for student assessment before school starts.
 - f. Question from a parent: Do the loss of school days need to be made up. Bill's response was that the school board will address that at their next scheduled meeting.
- III. 6:50pm Sandy Apps introduced LeAnne Perry and explained that they both met with Bill Hammer and Betsy Hill to get information on what the school's vision was for a PTO. They found that both the vision of SA/LP and BH/BH were very similar and SA/LP received affirmation to move ahead with the process of starting the PTO.
- IV. 6:58pm Sandy Apps described the difference between a PTO and a PTA, objectives of the PTO and how it may be funded.
 - a. At the meeting held between SA/LP and BH/BH, Hammer suggested that we create a PTO instead of a PTA. They would like to see the PTO focus on school community and faculty/parent enrichment. Additionally, they wish for the PTO to not nickel and dime the parents in fund raising efforts.
 - b. Sandy stated that funding the PTO to accomplish their goals will require a membership fee. At Betsy's previous school, their membership fee was around \$10-\$15 per member. The school board will come up with a set fee and communicate that at a future meeting.
- IV. 7:00pm Sandy Apps presented a proposed the following board organizational structure.
 - a. Executive Committee – Introduced individuals who have helped start the process of creating the Stone Creek PTO and nominated these individuals to become Founding Executive Board members for the first year. Starting next year, there would be a voting process for the PTO Executive Committee.
 - a. Sandy Apps as President
 - b. LeAnne Perry as Vice President

- c. Jill Bossow as Secretary
 - d. Stephanie Novosad as Treasurer
 - e. Jackie Roy requested to also be the Secretary and it was agreed that Jackie and Jill would co-lead the Secretary position.
- b. There was a motion made and seconded that the above individuals be placed into the above roles.
- V. 7:05pm Sandy Apps introduced Sub-Committee Chair people.
- VI. 7:18pm LeAnne Perry announced the Home Room Parents and handed out informational folders to them.
- VII. 7:20pm Sandy Apps asked sub-committee, committee heads, and home room parents to break out into a short "brain storming" session.
- VIII. 7:45pm Sandy Apps asked to address any immediate needs that came out of the above group session.
- a. Catherine Lange announced that the student assessments mentioned at the beginning of the meeting would more than likely be held on Sept 14, 15, 16.
 - b. Mary Miller will head a temporary committee to organize field trips on Sept 12th and 13th in hopes to use them as student/teacher contact days.
 - c. There was a suggestion that a Safety and Security Committee be formed
Danny Bergeron would head that committee.
 - d. It was asked if emails and communication by home room parents needed to be approved by someone on the Executive Committee. Sandy's response was no.
 - e. Catherine Lange suggested that the home room parents help organize car pool amongst families.
- IX. 8:00pm The next PTO meeting will be on Sept 12th at The Ambulance District in Edwards at 6:30pm
- X. 8:02pm The next Executive Committee PTO meeting will be on Sept 5th at 6:30pm at Novosad & Lyle's office in Avon.
- XI. 8:05pm Meeting adjourned.