



**PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING
PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL
ELMER I. SILVA LEARNING CENTER
12 Winslow Street
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

**TUESDAY, April 23, 2013
5:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Jamie Kryszkiewicz, Shannon Patrick,
and Lory Stewart.

Member Absent: Cass Benson (excused)

Staff: Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent
Kim Pike, District Principal

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Cass called Kerry earlier and said to please apologize to everyone but she was stuck in Boston and wouldn't be able to make tonight's meeting. She wanted to express her appreciation to all PSC members' good work as we may not have the same membership at the next meeting.

AGENDA

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes: April 9, 2013

Motion: Move to table the minutes of the April 9th meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams

Seconded: Lory Stewart

Vote: 4-0-0.

Mark Almeda Presentation: Progress Report on the Restoration of the Provincetown High School Exterior

This meeting was primarily called so that Mr. Almeda could present his progress report to the PSC. His father was due to have surgery on this date but the surgery was postponed for 3 hours – thus Mr. Almeda apologized but, unfortunately, is unable to make this meeting. He will return sometime in May for his report.

Superintendent's Update:

▪ Senior Exhibition

On Saturday, April 27th, the 2013 Senior Class will be presenting a history of PHS projects. The exhibits will take place in the café, library, and other adjacent spaces; the public is asked to use the Grace Hall door for easy access. The exhibits will be held from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

▪ Costa Rica

Once again, David Bedard is sincerely thanked for beginning the grant challenge for the fund raising for the Costa Rica trip. Also the publicity in the Banner should help a great deal. The fund has received \$8,958.78 to date and is hoping for a great deal more.

If anyone wishes to make a donation – please write a check made out to Provincetown Schools and mail or drop it off. There will be an official thank you so that you will qualify for a tax deduction.

▪ Surgery

Dr. Singer is scheduled for wrist surgery on Thursday and may be out for a few days. She regrets having to miss Candidates Night but hopes to be here for the Saturday happening.

▪ May 13 & 14

On May 13th there will be a joint meeting with the Scholarship Committees. The language has been reworked and the members of the PSC were given copies. Beth stressed that the meeting on the 13th will begin at 6:00 p.m. and it's important to have a quorum. (Judge Welsh Room in the Town Hall)

The School Committee meeting on May 14th is scheduled for the annual reorganization meeting for the PSC. This, too, is a very important meeting and a quorum is also necessary.

Unfinished Business:
Superintendent's Mid Year Progress Report

This progress report was turned over to the PSC for their input. Lory Stewart said that she was confused with the Benchmark Progress. Lory asked - would you like to revise some of that? All 5 items were delt with and Lory thought that Beth might want to take this opportunity to make it not so demanding.

Lory also questioned - what is meant by media production? These are info-commercials. Beth said that one was done on the exterior and one on the budget. Also, in the future, we will be doing a series on IB and that will probably be next.

Shannon Patrick asked about the classification of district goals? – or what?

Beth said – if you want me to think about something for next year - that suggestion would be helpful.

Shannon said that she wouldn't know what to add since we're still in the process of fixing the building – and also in the middle of the IB.

A district goal would probably be something related to growth.

Beth said that we have district goals established through 2014 and maybe we should look at these and revise them.

New Business:

Signage

Beth reported - you asked for signage and you'll see 2 beautiful signs made by the DPW stating that the playground closes at sundown and please be respectful of our neighbors and no loitering.

Surveillance Cameras

Beth has a meeting with scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th with a company – Integrated Security and Lieutenant Golden to discuss cameras for PHS.

Lory asked if there had been any kind of ball park figure regarding the cameras. No yet was the response. Beth said that the Acousta has arrived and we now have to coordinate with the DPW to hang it. It's black and it doesn't come in green any more but we can paint it.

Beth continued – we also need berms separating the parking lot from the playground. The town does not have money nor does the DPW and we're the fall guy. It's the school's portion of the parking lot. The DPW doesn't do this work so it will have to be contracted out – probably Robert Our – but, at any rate, it should be done before the summer season.

The whole parking lot is going to be redesigned and Beth is not sure how it will progress. Beth would propose that we share the parking lot and its expenses.

Article XXII – Reduction in Force

Today the PAE met and they adopted new language for article 22 – reduction in force. The changes are necessary to comply with evaluation language. They are found on page 35 of the agreement under #4.

Motion: Move to accept Article XXII as agreed to by the PAE.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 4-0-0.

PSC Comments

Alarm System for VMCC

Lory asked about the reading on National Telecom Systems in last packet. We have met with the National Telecom Systems, Inc. regarding a panic button which would effectively separate the VMCC children's portion and the rest of the building. It will be enacted in case of fire, etc. and will automatically go to the Police Dept.

Shannon wants a mention made again on May 2nd – regarding the fund raising for the Costa Rica trip. The meeting will be held at 3:15p.m. and will include meeting with the rep from the travel company. If people can't attend – just call us. Everyone will be expected to fund raise. Shannon suggests that you go to family members and people you know who can afford to contribute.

Rick Murray has offered his restaurant (Crown & Anchor) for a fund raising event which was a very generous offer.

Beth originally thought that we'd go to Costa Rica every other year but a community member suggested that we select another place. All that will depend on how we fund raise and how well we do.

Beth said that we've already raised \$9K and we need \$32K. She's been waiting for the parent meeting to further elaborate on the needs. The \$32K is based on 15 students going on the trip.

Pedagogical Leadership

The above group had a meeting and Beth attended as an invited guest, now a member. Some of the discussion was about the next training opportunity – as in - how can all of them be more fluent in IB. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th and the PSC is invited. The meeting will be held in the library from 12:30 – 2:00p.m.

The IB visitors will be here on June 13th and 14th. Right now we're waiting to hear back from the IB coordinators as to a specific schedule.; it's part of the verification process.

The PSC will be informed as soon as the calendar for the 13th and 14th has been finalized.

Motion: Move to conclude the regularly scheduled PSC meeting and to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations; we will not return to the regular PSC meeting.

Motion: Lory Stewart Seconded: Kerry Adams Vote: 4-0-0.

Adjournment of the regularly scheduled meeting happened at 6:25 p.m.

Executive Session:
For Purpose of Negotiations

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Gaudiano
E. Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by School Committee on May 14, 2013.