

Provincetown School Committee Meeting Minutes

APRIL 12, 2016

PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

MEETING CALLED BY	Provincetown School Committee
TYPE OF MEETING	School Committee Meeting
CHAIRPERSON	A. Brackett
NOTE TAKER	Tal Zamir
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	Members: L. Lovati, A. Brackett, Cass Benson Others: B. Singer

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:35 pm by Tony Brackett, Chairperson
2. ROLL CALL - Member present: L. Lovati, A. Brackett, Cass Benson. Administration: B. Singer. (Ngina Lythcott and Kerry Adams not present)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Michelle Jarusiewicz introduced Housing Playbook; Encouraging everyone to read and get back to her with input and comments. In initial distribution phase. Summary of strategies since inception. Discussion ensues of people in the middle, who do not qualify for affordable housing, but cannot afford market value. T. Brackett says committee feels the school should play a big role in being vocal about affordable housing. C. Benson reiterates how many families lost due to loss of housing (4-5), and how many children in town (175 children).		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

4. MINUTES: February 16, 2016 and March 8, 2016.

DISCUSSION	MINUTES reviewed and accepted as seen below:		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
February 16, 2016 Motion to accept: C. Benson Second: L. Lovati Vote: 3-0-0. Executive Session: T. Brackett makes motion to accept. CB seconds. 3-0-0. March 8: C. Benson makes motion to accept. L. Lovati seconds. 3-0-0.	Dr. Singer		

5. PRESENTATION

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	<p>Amy Rokicki, Angela Lamber, Brenda Haywood. Issues on Diversity. Last year, Students instructed to research what diversity meant to them. This year, it was a poetry writing project on what racial justice means to them. Following students through to the 8th grade. Feels that these students are the next peacemakers and advocates. Names inscribed on the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery AL, and books in library in Montgomery AL. Discussion ensued about trip to Montgomery, AL. T. Brackett reads poem.</p> <p>Beth Francis: Has had many opportunities to be part of the IB World community. Has had a relationship with a school in Pawtucket, RI, who is in the process of IB authorization. On Tuesday, March 29th, team from RI came to visit. Described visit - tour, classroom visits, meetings with administrators. In 2018, there will be reevaluation process for authorization. Read thank-you letter from RI team. Hoping for more opportunities to host. Will begin, also, process of getting school in shape for reauthorization.</p>
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	Supportive comments ensued. T. Brackett would like to see more collaboration with other schools, and more Professional Development opportunities with IB.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Motion to move superintendent's update to after Beth Francis' presentation.	Dr. Singer		

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: MSBA BUILDING PROJECT

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	<p>Demolition begins on Monday; prep work. Diligent about meeting time schedule. Questions about when and which parking spaces disappear. T. Brackett recommends that Banner publicize lack of parking spaces.</p> <p>Construction of VMCC: fence replaced. Cape Cod Alarm coming in to change system.</p> <p>Construction at CCRTHS: in feasibility study phase. Telling because their costs would be shared with member districts. Discussion ensued about costs, budget.</p> <p>B. Singer believes that we owe Town a thank-you for all their support of the School's construction projects.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE	DR. SINGER		

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Once upon a mattress: everyone raving, even those not parents. Play fun, and involved a lot of kids (55 kids). Cast and Crew composed of students. Proceeds from play go to purchasing for next year's play. Took in \$5000.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None	Dr. Singer	none	

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: MCAS

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	MCAS: First round has ended. ELA different than previous rounds: had additional segment that was timed. Will come back in May. This round of MCAS surprised all schools. Guidelines for how to administer MCAS wasn't good for kids.		
CONCLUSIONS	T. Brackett would like to not have standardized testing, but knows that it is required.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Dr. Singer	none	

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: SMALL LAB

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	K. Pike and B. Singer went to "Small Lab." At end of April, K. Pike will take students, Tech Int. Spec. & School Comm. member to see what the "small lab" is. B. Singer explained the technology behind small lab. Discussion about replacing Mac Lab with technology that is more cutting-edge. Discussion regarding price.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

	Dr. Singer	none
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5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION SPECIALIST

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Discussion about filling Technology Integration Specialist with Tracey Anderson. Praise for T. Anderson's prior involvement with the school and with PAAM.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Dr. Singer	none	

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRAINING AND TEST

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Reminder about Conflict of Interest certification, required by state every two years.		
CONCLUSIONS			
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	Dr. Singer	none	

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	Dr. Singer	none	

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: ADVERTISING FOR IB STUDENTS

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Have advertized for IB students for April 28th at 10 AM. Open House.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Dr. Singer	none	

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: RETIREMENT

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	notice of retirement from Michael Smith. T. Brackett asked for a letter from school committee thanking M. Smith for his 39 years of service.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Dr. Singer	none	

6.1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: JOB DESCRIPTION: TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION SPECIALIST

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Corrected version for Tech. Integration Specialist. Discussion regarding licensure of T. Anderson. C. Benson makes a motion to accept job description; seconded by L. Lovati.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

6.2 UNFINISHED BUSINESS - CEP APPLICATION

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Free lunch/Free breakfast for all students. B. Singer explains who qualifies through the new program, and how staying with old program keeps us "in the red." Discussion ensues regarding cost and reasons why children are or are not eating lunches, as well as benefit of having all children participate in school-provided lunch (no stigma, more children eat, etc.), as well as need to emphasize to town that this is not coming out of their tax money.		
CONCLUSIONS	Will participate in Free Lunch/Free Breakfast Program at 50/50 rate.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
VOTE WITH CHANGES AS ABOVE: Motion to accept policy with changes: L. Lovati Second: 3-0-0			

6.3 UNFINISHED BUSINESS - POTENTIAL SHARING OF RESOURCES

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Dr. Singer met with Mike Gradone, Superintendent of Truro, regarding opportunities for sharing resources, positions, professional development and curriculum. T. Brackett makes it clear that we are not regionalizing with Truro, but just that we are opening up the dialogue about sharing resources.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

7.2 NEW BUSINESS: YEARBOOK HOME

DR. SINGER

DISCUSSION	Need for home for Provincetown High School Yearbooks that is safe and accessible. Dr. Singer recommends an archived copy of each yearbook at the public library. Lovati makes a suggestion about selling the copies as a fundraiser. T. Brackett asks if it is ok if we ask the Monument museum would like a copy, and then sell the rest.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
T. Brackett makes a motion to send one copy of each yearbook to public library for archival purposes; L. Lovati seconds. 3-0-0. L.			

8.1 OTHER BUSINESS: Any other business that shall come before the Board and could not be anticipated within the 48-hour minimum posting requirements of the Open Meeting Laws.

DISCUSSION	C. Benson: hopes that School Committee is included on housing issue; School committee wasn't on the LCP.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
T. Brackett makes a motion to create a subcommittee of himself and Cass to be the school representatives on the housing playbook and town plans for housing; L. Lovati seconds. 3-0-0.			

9. PSC Comments

DISCUSSION	L. Lovati: Thank you to the town for voting on budget, supporting the school, and the PTA bake sale. C. Benson: Once Upon a Mattress was great. T. Brackett: agrees with all, says he is so happy to be a part of the musical, and to see the community be invested in the school. T. Brackett makes a reminder about 4th Grade Exhibition. Also wanted to thank Kerry Adams (not present) for his contributions to the school community over the last nine years; it is Kerry's last year as a school committee member.		
CONCLUSIONS			
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T. Brackett makes a motion to adjourn out of open session, and to make a motion to enter into executive session and to not return to open session. C. Benson seconds. 3-0-0.

10. ADJOURNMENT