

Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 2/14/17

02/14/2017 / 4:36 PM / PHS MEDIA CENTER

PRESENT:

Members Present: Tony Brackett, Tracey Kachtick-Anders, Ngina Lythcott, Liz Lovati

Administration: Beth Singer, Kim Pike

Minutes: K. Pike

AGENDA

1. [Call to Order](#) 4:36 PM

2. [Roll Call](#)

3. [Public Comments](#) None

4. [Minutes](#) Triple Board Meeting - minutes via selectman

5. [Superintendent's Update](#)

- **Theater** - Dr. Singer has several interested groups for the theater rental including: Ryan Landry- *Greece*, Peregrine - *Chicago*, Film Festival in June, Fantasia Fair in October, Lainie Kazan, Eugene O'Neill. She has interviewed 5 people so far for the theater manager position (without advertising). Dr. Singer will proceed with hiring a PT person whom she will manage.
- **Building Project** - There is a disagreement regarding the flooring in the auditorium and subsequent payment. Floor finish is inconsistent. Independent evaluation says the problem lies in application and workmanship. Other issues include completion of bathrooms in science wing. Patio leveled; Eversource entry causing leaking in tunnel area.
- **IB Evaluation** - PYP entering 5th-year authorization and are participating in their first Evaluation in the fall. This is being led by Beth Francis and Kim Pike. The school has worked hard and has revisions in policy that will come before school committee at the next meeting.
- **Networking** - Dr. Singer has been busy networking in the community: Lion's Club on 2/8; Pilgrim Monument who will be hosting PD on 3/7; Stephen Borkowski, chair of Provincetown Art Commission selecting new pieces for the auditorium.

6. [Unfinished Business](#)

6.1 Name the Theater/Auditorium - Discussion on names.

VOTE: Motion to name Provincetown Schools auditorium - *Fishermen Hall*

Motion: T. Brackett; Second: N. Lythcott VOTE: 4-0-0

6.2 Seat Dedication Proposal - Discussion regarding use of seats to fund manager position. Decision is to wait on using seats as a source of fundraising.

6.3 PSC Goals: Progress Report

Goal 1: Environmentally responsible and protective practices.

Water Bottles, Water Filler (through GOFUNDME)
Goal 2: Explore possible options for establishing IB CC Program
Dr.Singer/Kim Pike going to workshop for administrators in March

7. **New Business**

7.1 **Oliver and Francis Scholarship requirements -**

VOTE: *Motion to approve as a school the children residing in Truro and Provincetown who have completed high school will have access to the John Scholarship*

Motion: N. Lythcott; Second: L. Lovati VOTE: 4-0-0

7.2 **SY 17 Calendar Proposal 1st reading - Approval of format and 1st reading**

VOTE: *Motion to approve the 2018 SY calendar*

Motion: L. Lovati; Second: T. Brackett VOTE: 4-0-0

7.3 **Revolving and Activities Accounts Report**

VOTE: *Motion to use existing Revolving Theater Use acct. to fund Fishermen Hall PT Manager*

Motion: T. Kachtick-Anders; Second: N. Lythcott VOTE: 4-0-0

7.4 **Overnight Field Trip to Science Museum and MFA (Grade 7)**

VOTE: *Motion to approve overnight to Boston, MA field trip*

Motion: L. Lovati; Second: N. Lythcott VOTE: 4-0-0

7.5 **March Meeting Date**

8. **PSC Comments**

L. Lovati - *Love what we do here. Budget went along fine. Appreciate everything that Dr. Singer and and everyone does.*

N. Lythcott - *My grandmother was a public school teacher - I've worked mostly with college kids. I feel incredibly proud of this school system. The leaders, the parents, the fixers, the do-ers, it makes me so proud to know that we are an IB school and put so much into this school.*

T. Brackett - *Cass and Tony went to FinCom meeting - there were lots of compliments for Dr. Singer...spoke highly of presentation which was extremely helpful. There was much praise of the work everyone is doing and they are very proud of the school. Appreciates administration, teachers,paras, custodians, cafeteria workers. Look and see what kind of work is going on here. It'sthe most important thing going on in your community. Massachusetts rates with Singapore and China in testing. There is vision and leadership here. So many people get involved here. Have not slept well since November 8th. Not happy about Betsy DeVos confirmation. Pick up a phone, mentor children, volunteer, help with homework, do your part, get involved.*

N. Lythcott - *Question: from the audience are there any families in Provincetown with children in school, who are threatened by Trump's deportation plans? And if so, how can we protect them?*

Dr. Singer explains that we have families/children who are worried. We have children/families who are worried about their friends. We provide counseling in school to be helpful.

9. **Adjournment**

VOTE: *Motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm*

Motion: N. Lythcott; Second: L. Lovati VOTE: 3-0-0