

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

4:37PM

Members present: Tony Brackett, Cass Benson, Liz Lovati, Tracy Kachtick-Anders, Dr. Beth Singer

Member absences: Ngina Lythgott

4. Minutes from October 18, 2016

- Motion to accept Tracy Kachtick-Anders, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cass Benson VOTE: 3-0-1

Presentation: Life/Sex Education and Decision Making in Provincetown Schools:  
Nurse Kristen Shantz and Wellness Teacher Lisa Colley

- Explicit discussions occur in class about all aspects of sexuality, body wellness, empathy, how to resolve conflicts, problem solving as a group.
- GET REAL is a program that is co-taught by both Shantz and Colley. Mr. Morgan, school adjustment counselor, is also available for students who need to have further discussions.
- Emphasis on safety within the classroom during discussions. Children are made to feel comfortable
- Students are shown condoms and have discussions on proper use of them regarding STDs and birth control. Also have discussion on dental dams, etc.
- Notes are sent home to parents allowing them to opt their children out of these discussions. To date nobody has exercised that option.
- Teachers are interested in building a collection of books which they want housed in the library for those students who may want to do further research on sexuality and related topics.
- All faculty versed on how to have sexuality discussions with students during Professional Development days at the beginning of the school year.
- PSC members Kachtick-Anders and Brackett will bring in books that they have at home for the team to evaluate.

No Votes Taken

5. Superintendent's Update:

- Water Bottle Project - @\$2,500 raised on GoFundMe. Time to pull this money, supplement with additional funds and install the dispenser. Recycling Committee offered to help with funding.
- Building Project/Sculpture Garden – Building project is in its final two weeks. Thanksgiving is the target date for completion. There is a lengthy punch list. Sanding auditorium floor and first coat of stain to be completed this week. Seats to be installed Tuesday. Curtains are ready to hang once dust settles. Technology: Screen is in but projector is not as of yet. Patio was having a geometry problem with regard to pavers but that problem has been solved. Sculpture Garden is waiting for one more piece to be installed and this week and then it will be complete.
- "From the Words of Warriors II" project. Students from Provincetown and other Cape towns interviewed military personnel and created artwork to

reflect those interviews. Currently on display at the Hyannis airport. The show will travel to other Cape Schools including Provincetown.

- Winter Wednesdays – Morgan Clark, Town Health representative, suggested idea of having healthy events during winter months for the adult community. Each Wednesday there will be an activity in a different venue. The school hopes to have a movie series.

## 6. Unfinished Business

### 6.1 PSC Goals

- Motion to accept by Cass Bensons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Kachtick-Anders. 4-0

### 6.2 Triple Board Meeting

- Next PSC meeting in December will be about our FY18 budget
- December 13 will be a triple board meeting with BOS and FinCom in the school auditorium to discuss the completion of the building project. At the conclusion of that meeting the PSC will have its second budget meeting.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 PSC Appointment to the Town Scholarship Committee

- Letter from Town counsel explained that the State Attorney General was consulted regarding the eligibility for applying to the various scholarships available. The Oliver Family Scholarship no longer requires applicants to have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Provincetown Schools. The Francis Family Scholarship maintains that applicants must finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Provincetown schools.
- Motion by Liz Lovati, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cass Benson to reappoint Robert Speiser to the Town Scholarship Committee 3-0-1

### 7.2 PSC Appointment to the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Committee

- Motion by Cass Benson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Lovati to reappoint Robert Speiser to the John Andersons Francis Scholarship Committee 3-0-1

### 7.3 Theater Promotion Discussion

- On December 15 an invited group of theater-oriented people will gather in the auditorium to discuss potential uses of this renovated space. This will be followed by a social event at Harbor lounge to further discussions. The auditorium will need a manager, the salary for this part time position is estimated to be in the \$20,000-\$30,000 range. This manager will set fees and write up contracts, etc.
- Seat Plate Fundraiser discussion included the purpose of the seat plates as well as the price for the seat plates. One suggestion was to offer seat plates at \$1,000 per seat. Another suggestion was to have a tiered scale of pricing depending on location of the seat. Another suggestion was to have the seats offered at an inexpensive price point so as not to exclude the families most associated with the school. The discussion will be continued at the next PSC meeting. No votes taken.

## 8. PSC Comments

- Congratulations on a successful Harvest Feast in Town Hall

- Reminder that the school is a safe haven to all
- BOS to consider Provincetown a Sanctuary town

#### 9. Adjournment

- Motion by Tracy Kachtick-Anders, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz 4-0  
meeting adjourned 6:03pm