

# Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 4/11/17

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04/11/2017 / 4:32 PM / PHS MEDIA CENTER

## PRESENT:

Members Present: Tony Brackett, Liz Lovati, Cass Benson, Tracy Kachtick-Anders

Members Excused: Ngina Lythcott

Administration: Beth Singer, Kim Pike

Minutes: K. Pike

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order 4:32 PM

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comments None

4. Minutes March 7, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Cass Benson; Second: Liz Lovati

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### **Presentation: IB PYP Re-Verification Process; Beth Francis, PYP Coordinator**

Ms. Francis presented the self-study and reflection process. Process has taken about 1 year. We will submit the documents and uploads any policies and documentation is complete. It has been five years since our initial authorization. It includes a site visit in the late fall/early winter. Several questions on how the school has done since the initial authorization. Praise for the program, praise for how our students work together and collaborate to solve problems.

### 5. Superintendent's Update

- **ATM** - Dr. Singer thanked the community of voters for being positive and appropriating FY18 budget.
- **IB Career Program** - Intense learning regarding the Career Program. Could Provincetown Schools develop a Career Program? Yes, and there are two pieces to put into place: 1. The State 2. The Community  
Selectman would like to see a high school program and a charter school.  
The idea would be to have classes begin Fall 2019
- **Cape Tech results** - All seventeen (17) 8th grade students applied and all were accepted.
- **Music Man** - Jr. Music Man is taking the stage on May 13th and 14th. Put that in your calendars
- **Resignations** - 1. Angela Lamber moving to AZ to join her husband who was transferred there. 2. Brittany Kenyon has received a 3 year fellowship to attend

Columbia University to study International Education. Interviews after vacation.  
Judy Ainsworth retiring after (1983) 34 years of service.  
Tony moved to send a letter to all three thanking them for their service to our students.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## **6. Unfinished Business**

### **6.1 IB SEN Policy 2nd Reading**

Motion to adopt: Cass Benson; Second: Tracy Kachtick Anders

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

### **6.2 IB Assessment Policy 2nd Reading**

Motion to adopt: Tracy Kachtick Anders; Second: Cass Benson

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

### **6.3 IB Language Policy 2nd Reading**

Motion to adopt: Cass Benson; Second: Tracy Kachtick Anders

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

### **6.4 IB Academic Honesty 2nd Reading**

Motion to adopt: Tracy Kachtick Anders; Second: Cass Benson

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

## **7. New Business**

**7.1 School Choice Vote** - Do you want to accept new students into any of the classes?

*Yes to choice. No choice slots in grade 3 if everyone returns (19 cap)*

Motion to accept: Tony Brackett; *Second: Ngina Lythcott*

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### **7.2 Paperless PSC meetings - discussion**

Ngina prefers paper. Tony prefers paperless. Liz prefers paper. Cass and Tracy prefer no paper. We will transition to paperless except for Ngina and Liz.

### **7.3 Transportation for Provincetown HS student athletes**

Nauset students typically take the FLEX bus or catch a ride home. No one has an athletic bus. Tracy provided information about students not having transportation. Evenings are with the FLEX bus. It's very dark and other kids are coming up and asking for rides home. There were some inappropriate interactions with the students including an incident that involved the police. Bus company not responsive to students and families. Town needs to get involved. Sub-committee to work on the bussing issues for Nauset students.

Tracey, Liz and Beth will meet to discuss.

## **8. PSC Comments**

Tracy - spoke with Christine from Provincetown to do kid friendly movies.  
Roller Derby doing skate lessons - put them in touch with Rec. to do skateboard lessons. 13 year old son who has Down's Syndrome - his first sleep away is tonight at NEED, very happy.

Ngina - 1st - ATM - loves when the police come in uniform - the kids follow them down aisle and sing - cried with joy that Wyatt came in - it is extraordinary - it is very moving. 2nd - Beth Francis spoke about curriculum - C.2 written expression: human commonality, diversity and perspective. It is one of the things she loves about our school and loves about our kids and our school.

Liz - thank you to Dr. Singer for the wonderful presentation. Thank you to the town for supporting the PTA which helps the kids.

Tony - Thank you to David Wiedner, Rec, PTA and Seashore Point for hosting the first annual egg hunt at the monument. So many kids there and a wonderful experience for all.

Third grade presentation on Friday - learning about the Boston massacre, the Boston tea party and Paul Revere's ride. All kids participated and did a terrific job. IB in action.

Thank you to Provincetown voters for approving our budget. We run a tight ship but a very meaningful ship.

Ton of feedback on the presentation - how detailed and how wonderful Dr. Singer's presentation was.

Personal note - this IB thing -it allows us to reflect - this makes us better people. My apologies to the person I made a gaff to at town meeting.

#### 9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining process.

Motion: Tracy Kachtick Anders Second: Ngina Lythcott

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

*Adjourn at 5:58pm*

#### 10. Executive Session: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining process.

# Minutes:

## Provincetown School Committee Meeting May 1, 2017

Present: Tony Brackett, Tracy Kachtick-Anders, Cass Benson

Excused: Liz Lovati, Ngina Lythcott

### Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 2:45 PM
2. Roll Call
3. New Business:

Request for alcoholic beverage availability for Fishermen Hall events and productions.

Discussion of request and future requests.

VOTE:PSC agrees to allow alcoholic beverages to be available for events and productions in Fishermen Hall on Mondays through Fridays after 5:00 pm and or on Saturdays and Sundays after 12:00 pm which do not conflict with Provincetown Schools events. The PSC understands that producers of these events will follow Town procedures for Special Liquor Licenses approval.

Motion: Cass Benson; second Tracy Kachtick-Anders VOTE: 3-0-0

### Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: 3:00 PM

Motion: Tony Brackett; second Tracy Kachtick-Anders; VOTE: 3-0-0