

Provincetown School Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Provincetown High School Building
Elmer I. Silva Learning Center

Meeting called to order by the Chair.
Start time was 4:37pm

Members present: Chair Tony Brackett, Vice Chair Ngina Lythgott, Cass Benson, Tracy Kachtick-Anders,

Member excuses: Liz Lovati

Also present Superintendent Beth Singer, Principal Kim Pike

- July 11, 2017 minutes

MOTION to accept by Cass Benson, 2nd by Ngina Lythgott

VOTE: 4-0-0

- August 31, 2017 minutes

MOTION to accept by Cass Benson, 2nd by Ngina Lythgott

VOTE: 4-0-0

- Introduction of new teachers moved ahead of zSpace presentation so that the teachers would be able to go home early.

MYP Math teacher is Mr. James Kelly

2nd Grade teacher is Ms Eleanor Richard

Spanish teacher is Mr. Anthony Escobedo

The teachers shared a little bit on their backgrounds and all are very happy to be working at our school.

Title 1 teacher is Ms Jennifer Paine who will not be starting until next week.

zSpace PRESENTATION

Introduction made by Tracey Anderson, Technology Integration Specialist.

Based in Sunnyvale, California, zSpace is a technology firm that creates mixed reality systems utilizing elements of virtual and augmented reality. Lisa Grippo, Regional Director of the Northeast, made a presentation. zSpace primarily focuses on S.T.E.A.M for primary education but is used in high schools, colleges and medical facilities as well. They are expanding into the K-8 grades. They have created over 800 lessons to date and are delving into ELA, History and Social Studies.

PSC members tried out the technology and shared their experiences.

PSC enthusiastically supports an effort by Dr. Singer to negotiate a contract with zSpace.

- IB CP High School was addressed under Superintendent's Update.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget resolutions regarding salaries of new faculty hires shows that we have enough money in our FY18 budget to accommodate the change in staff.
- Permission requested of the PSC to approve several Dune Shack Overnights for grades 6, 7, & 8.

MOTION to approve by Ngina Lythgott, 2nd by Tracy Kachtick-Anders.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- PSC was presented with a copy of the 2018 Family Handbook. This will be a first read for the PSC. Edits, suggestions and comments will be discussed at October meeting when a motion to accept will be presented. Regarding the topic of healthy snacks and birthday celebrations, it was suggested if this is to be a school policy that the wording in the handbook be more direct.
- Dr. Singer has signed a contract with Mark Abraham, a Municipal Finance Guru in Massachusetts. Mr. Abraham will write a Manual of Financial Policies and Practices for Provincetown Schools.
- A list of outdated surplus Library reference books was presented. These books could be left at the entrance and marked "FREE."

MOTION to surplus by Tony Brackett, 2nd by Cass Benson

VOTE: 4-0-0

PSC MEMBER COMMENTS

Ngina Lythgott shared that she is overwhelmed by the high quality of the education Provincetown children are experiencing. She feels that the presentation on zSpace was phenomenal.

Cass Benson is happy that the MYP sports program has begun, adding that it is a great program and fits well with the academic schedule.

Tracy Kachtick-Anders spoke about immigration services and feels that everybody should have a written plan stating what to do, regarding care for children, pets, etc., in an emergency.

Tony Brackett congratulated the school administrators for their continued efforts to move the school in a positive direction.

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Cass Benson, 2nd by Ngina Lythgott.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:22PM