

Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 10/16/17

Start time: 4:35 PM / PS MEDIA CENTER

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Beth Singer, Kim Pike

Minutes: K. Pike

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 4:35 PM

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comments None

4. Minutes

September 12, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Tracy Kachtick Anders; Second: Ngina Lythcott

VOTE: 4-0-0

September 25, 2017 Available at next month's meeting.

5. Superintendent's Update

- **October 1st Count** - Student Count = 124 PK-Grade 8. With Infant/Toddler = 9
This represents a decline in from the end of SY17 = 132
K and Grade 5 are the only grades with less than 10 students.
- **Recent Retirements** - Brenda Costa submitted retirement letter - will not be replacing
- **Fence Replacement** - Back fence between building destroyed by vandals. The recommendation is to go to an 8' fence but that is considered a structural change. Historic and abutters must be notified. asked about insurance. Beth will check to see. Ngina would like to see DPW help with this. Beth will check but it looks as though we will need to pay for at least the difference between 5' and 8', even with the deductible, we pay the difference.
- **Masonry Work** - Sink hole near gym door - where it was regraded and altered, it was done poorly. The threshold is below grade. The recommendation is to brick up the doorway (it is not an egress and town approves). Estimate is \$6900
In addition, the stairs behind the new portion of the building need to be replaced. Estimate is \$11,600
- **Town Forum Opportunity** -

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Family Handbook 2nd reading

Motion to accept handbook with the following exceptions (remove the paragraph regarding sweets, cupcakes, etc.)
Ngina Lythcott Second: Tracey Anders Kachtick

VOTE: 4-0-0

In addition, a request to translate the handbook into Spanish. Beth will check the feasibility.

6.2 IBCP High School

Dr. Singer read letter to Christine Lynch at DESE and response. Phone call follow up and additional conversation this week.

7. New Business

7.1 Overnight Field Trips

Three Trips as follows:

1. Trip to Boston Museum of Science for Grade 7 - 11/16-17

Motion to accept: Tony Brackett; Second: Tracy Kachtick Anders

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Trip to Need in Truro for Grade 5 - 3/26-3/28

Motion to accept: Tony Brackett; Second: Ngina Lythcott

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. Trip to Heifer in Rutland for Grade 6 - 6/6-6/8

Motion to accept: Tony Brackett; Second: Ngina Lythcott

VOTE: 4-0-0

7.2 Budget Meeting Schedule

Schedules added to the calendar as follows:

1st Budget Presentation: 11/28 at 4:30

2nd budget presentation: 12/5 at 4:30

Public Hearing and budget adoption 12/12 at 5:15

Triple Board Meeting suggestions: 1/23, 1/24, 1/25

7.3 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Requesting any items from Kim and committee to consider for budget

Preparing with a Sped Director/Assistant Principal

Add Furniture Line Item

7.4 Recess/Movement Report Discussion

Movement in student day presentation. Tony Brackett has surveyed all Cape towns and they have 2 PE's per day. Movement has been added to the PYP and MYP days including teacher directed movement activities.

Provincetown Schools students have 1 PE, 1 Health and 1 SELF. During SELF and Health students have 20 minutes for unstructured movement time. School committee would like this to be structured. Next year they would like to see two PE's. It is undetermined what will need to change in order for this to occur or who will teach because of the time necessary to implement. Suggestion that Kim will

ask PE and SELF teachers to play cooperative games and team building games in the 20 minutes.

Any other business that shall come before the board that could not be anticipated within the posting requirements of the Open Meeting Laws

1. Z-Space has been ordered. Training is being planned.
2. Homework Club - Brandon and Angel are concerned and asking families about homework at recreation. It is taking over the time kids play. Liz Lovati asked about it shifting back to the school. Currently 12 students in grades 1-4 are invited to attend at PYP and students in MYP sign up. Kim will speak with Brandon and Angel and teachers.

8. PSC Comments

Tracy - Screenagers showing at Nauset was great - could we bring it here?
8th grader participation and all students in the Dune Shacks is so important.
Thank you to Nancy Flasher
Garden area in back of library for planting like plot at B-Street
Liz - Nothing tonight
Ngina - Glad conversation on IB Career Program is happening - an important beginning.
Family handbook in Spanish, how important it is to consider it.
Tony - Looking forward to Harvest Feast at Town Hall at 10 am on Tuesday, November 14th.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Votes may be taken. The Open Session meeting will not reconvene.

Motion: Tony Brackett; Second: Ngina Lythcott

VOTE: 4-0-0

Adjournment 6:43pm