

Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 11/14/17

Start time: 4:35 PM / PS MEDIA CENTER

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Dr. Singer, Principal Pike
Minutes: J. Rhodes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 4:35 PM

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comments None

4. Minutes

October 16, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Ms. Kachtick Anders; Second: Ms. Lovati

VOTE: 5-0-0

REPORT: After school enrichment program

Dr. Singer read report from Megan Amorese, after school enrichment coordinator.

5. Superintendent's Update

- **Building Project Status** - Project is coming to a close. A little bit more time is necessary with the heat running to fine tune the system. Maintenance schedule for units is in place.
 - The sink hole continues to be a problem but is not getting worse at this time. School building committee voted to spend money to excavate and investigate.
- **Fence Replacement** - Dr. Singer went to the historic commission to apply for the permit for the fence and she will return to commission on 11/15/17 to get final determination. Commission may want to replace with a wood fence instead of a chain link fence. Discussion ensued.
- **Triple Board Meeting** - Date for triple board meeting will be 1/23/18 at 6:00pm at town hall.
- **Handbook Translation Status** - Principal Pike has electronically had the handbook translated and it has been given to the Spanish teacher for review and a final copy should be available soon.
- **Art and Antique Auction** - There will be an art and antique auction on December 8, 2017 in Fishermen Hall. This is a fundraiser for the Costa Rica trip. School is applying for a wine and liquor license for event.

6. Unfinished Business

- **IBCP High School**

Dr. Singer explained that without a change in legislation Provincetown Schools would be unable to partner with Sturgis due to the requirement that charter schools have a lottery system. There would be no way to ensure spaces for Provincetown students.

Discussion regarding options moving forward including the creation of a high school IB career program or an IB charter school.

The Provincetown School Committee would not be involved in the creation of an IB charter school. That would have to be done by a completely different entity.

The other option would be for Provincetown to create a high school IB program. Ms. Benson suggested with Mr. Brackett affirming that the committee would like to see the financials regarding creating an IB high school career program before moving forward. Dr. Singer indicated that she would be able to have rough numbers by the triple board meeting in January.

- **Budget Adoption/December Meeting 12/12 quorum**

Budget meeting schedule is as follows:

11/28/17

12/5/17

12/12/17

Quorum confirmed for 12/12/17 meeting.

- **PE Classes**

Mr. Brackett would like principal Pike to look at the schedules and determine how to add in PE for MYP and PYP.

7. New Business

- **Harvest Feast Funding**

Motion to take \$1000 out of school choice to fund Harvest Feast for 2017 and return \$300 to PTA: Mr. Brackett; Second: Ngina Lythcott

VOTE 5-0-0

- **MCAS 2016 Report**

Principal Pike provided an overview of 2016 MCAS report. 2016 is a baseline year and the scores will change over time.

Discussion surrounding the report and the specific subject area scores ensued. Principal Pike discussed Project Lead the Way and the school's effort to gain grant money to use to incorporate Project Lead the Way into the Provincetown curriculum in an effort to improve Science and Technology scores.

- **Farm-to-Table Discussion**

Ms. Kachtick-Anders would like to revisit having an edible garden and gave an overview of her thoughts and ideas as how she sees this working and the benefits to the students at Provincetown Schools.

Discussion ensued regarding the best way to proceed. Principal Pike will invite Ms. Kachtick-Anders to a Wellness Committee meeting.

Ms. Kachtick-Anders will get an estimate to do the hardscaping necessary to start an edible project.

- **MYP Enrollment**-withdrawn

8. **PSC Comments**

Ms. Lythcott-The PYP Harvest Feast was extraordinary. The food was fresh and authentic. It was Provincetown. Incredible.

Ms. Benson - It was amazing. Thanked Ms. Lovati and Mr. Brackett.

Liz - Seconded what Cass said. A great day at the Harvest Feast.

Ms Kachtick-Anders - Kids were so excited. People learned so much.

Mr. Brackett - Began by highlighting how fortunate he has been to have his children here at Provincetown Schools. Thanked Beth Francis for beginning this Harvest Feast. Congratulated Rick Gifford on winning a science award.

Acknowledged the death of Judy Cicero and how generous she was with her time. A great individual living an IB life. Hope the Provincetown select board will include school in conversations about creating a year round community. Encouraged Provincetown citizens to do their part.

9. **Adjournment**

Mr. Brackett motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Votes may be taken. Ms Lythcott seconded. The Open Session meeting will not reconvene. Following roll call vote motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Brackett; Second: Ms. Lythcott

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 pm.