

# Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 1/10/18

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Start time: 4:32PM / PS MEDIA CENTER

## PRESENT:

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

Also present: Dr. Singer

Minutes: J. Rhodes

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:32PM

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comments NONE

4. Minutes

- November 14, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Tracy Kachtick-Anders;  
Second: Liz Lovati  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**
- November 28, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Cass Benson; Second: Tracy  
Kachtick-Anders  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**
- December 5, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Cass Benson; Second: Tracy  
Kachtick-Anders  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**
- December 12, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Liz Lovati; Second: Cass  
Benson  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**

5. School Committee Reorganization and- Future Planning

- Cass Benson moved to nominate Ngina Lythcott as chair  
Liz Lovati seconded the motion.  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**
- Cass Benson nominated Liz Lovati as Vice Chair  
Ngina Lythcott seconded the motion  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**
- Currently the chair signs the warrant. Committee decided Liz Lovati as  
vice chair will sign warrant and report back to the board at the  
monthly meeting.
- Upcoming meetings for 2018:  
*4th Wednesday of every month at 4:30*
  - January 23, 2018 - Tri-board meeting at Town Hall
  - February 28, 2018

- March 28, 2018
  - April 25, 2018
  - May 23, 2018
  - June 27, 2018
- Discussion regarding recommending a citizen to fill the seat of Tony Brackett until election in May. Committee would like to fill the seat with an interim and will discuss recommendations at the next meeting.
  - Superintendent Singer informed committee of Principal Pike's resignation effective 1/19/18. Superintendent Singer (with the assistance of Ms. Kachtick-Anders) read Principal Pike's letter of resignation to the committee.
    - Singer introduced Jeff Slater as the interim principal starting 1/21/18 until June 30, 2018.
    - Mr. Slater provided information regarding his background.

Moving forward Dr. Singer informed the committee that there will be an international search for a IB principal. In house staff will be encouraged to apply if they have the appropriate licensure.

## 6. Superintendent's Update

- **Sinkhole resolution** - In the process of being fixed. Well on the way to completion.
- **Mid-cycle Review** -February 2nd visit from DESE for mid-cycle review.
- **Annual Town Reports Due** - Superintendent report and Chair of the school committee report. Reports are due on 1/19/18.
- **Upcoming Events** - Winter concert next Tuesday. 7th and 8th grade took a trip to PAAM today 1/0/18. Staff will be going to PAAM next week.

## 6. Unfinished Business

- Universal Pre-K Discussion-Dr. Singer met with the town manager and the director of finance to discuss how to move forward. Universal pre-k starts with 4 year olds. Recommending an article for town meeting to let the voters decide if they want to offer free preschool. The cost determined would be \$120,000. For the first year, the money would come from free cash. Subsequent years, the cost would be built into the school budget. Discussion with the BOS and Finance Committee regarding Universal Pre-K will take place at the tri-board meeting on January 23, 2018.
  - Motion made by Cass Benson in support of universal pre-k for the school year FY19  
Motion seconded by Tracy Kachtick-Anders  
**VOTE:** 3-0-1 (abstain)

- **School Committee Meeting Schedule 2018**
  - January 23, 2018 - Tri-board meeting at Town Hall
  - February 28, 2018
  - March 28, 2018
  - April 25, 2018
  - May 23, 2018
  - June 27, 2018
- PYP IB Visitation Report (written report submitted)  
Dr. Singer read the written visitation report to the committee.  
Ngina Lythcott shared her experience with the visit.
- **Farm to Table Update**-Committee has been formed with an upcoming meeting planned. Collaborating with Morgan Clark at the Board of Health. A plan has been developed to create gardens on the property built by Americorps. This should happen in the spring.
- **Additional PE Classes PK-8**-Every student currently has a 45 minute PE class and two 20 minute PE blocks. More work to be done perhaps in next year's schedule for FY19. Cass Benson mentioned that students should be encouraged to do after school sports.
- Handbook: Healthy snack language-Wellness committee is working on this language. Completion estimated for May or June.

## 7. New Business

- **Saturday School Pilot Program**  
Working on scheduling for after February vacation. Program will provide fun activities for kids with their peers.
- Technology integration specialist has recently received a \$1500 grant from the Provincetown Cultural Council for a technology club.
- **Financial Report** (reports submitted)

## 8. PSC Comments

**Ms. Lythcott**-Goodbye to Kim Pike. Will miss Kim. Misses Tony Brackett and thanked him for all he has done. Thanked Liz Lovati for stepping up to be Vice Chair.

**Ms. Benson** - Thanked Kim Pike. Mentioned how different the school is from before Kim Pike came here. A lot of parent participation. Wished Kim Pike the best.

**Ms. Lovati** -Thanked Tony Brackett and happy to hand over the reigns to Ngina Lythcott as Chair of the committee

**Ms. Kachtick-Anders** - Happy New Year!

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Liz Lovati to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Tracy Kachtick-Anders.

**VOTE:** 4-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:06pm.