

# Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 2/28/18

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**Start time: 4:30PM / 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:** 4:31PM

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Public Comments** Kayleigh Brown read letter into the record; Louise Venden from the Provincetown Board of Selectmen spoke regarding interest in free pre-k and kindergarten. Continued public comments under School Safety.

**4. Minutes**

- January 10, 2018 Motion to accept minutes: Cass Benson; Second: Liz Lovati  
**VOTE: 4-0-0**
- January 23, 2018 Motion to accept minutes: Cass Benson; Second: Tracy Kachtick-Anders
- **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**5. Superintendent's Update**

- School Safety(moved to New Business for discussion)
  - Dr. Singer reviewed current Emergency Response Plan and indicated that it is being updated with new personnel
  - Police presence at the beginning and end of the day and often at lunch
  - Police chief came and met with staff
  - ALICE training will be conducted with staff first and then students
  - Walkie training will be given to all staff members for emergency situations
  - Evacuation drills conducted
  - CORI and fingerprint testing on all employees
  - Dr. Singer is recommending surveillance cameras around the school and at VMCC
    - Discussion regarding security cameras and the use on the premises

- Ngina Lythcott requested further discussion and quotes for the next meeting
  - Dr. Singer discussed the plans for March 14th protests/demonstrations which will be led by students with a structured plan
  - Dr. Singer reviewed ALICE procedures
  - Public comments were allowed during this time
  - **MOTION:** Cass Benson made a motion to participate in the Parkland Project; seconded: Tracy Kachtick-Anders
    - **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- Project Lead the Way Grants
  - Dr. Singer announced the awarding of two grants for a total of \$20,000 for high quality STEAM education.
- Winter Wednesdays
  - Winter Wednesdays is going well and only two classes had to be cancelled due to low attendance
- San Francisco Job Fair
  - Updated the committee on job fair and resume postings.
- Town Forum
  - Dr. Singer informed the committee about her presentation at the Town Forum in February.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

- 6.1 Handbook Glossary
  - Informational and will be included in the handbook
- 6.2 Handbook Translation
  - The handbook has been translated into spanish
- 6.3 Universal pre-k; tuition free preschool (moved up earlier and out of order)
  - Dr. Singer presented the Town articles to the Committee for review.
  - Louise Venden spoke on behalf of Board of Selectmen and requested input from the School Committee
  - Discussion was had regarding who the Committee thinks should be a part of this benefit in terms of residents, town employees and non-profit groups.
  - **MOTION:** Liz Lovati moves to have the committee recommend Article 5 only for Provincetown residents; second: Tracy Kachtick-Anders
    - **VOTE: 4-0-0**
  - **MOTION:** Liz Lovati moves to have the committee be silent on Article 6; second: Tracy Kachtick-Anders
    - **VOTE: 2-1-1**
  - **MOTION:** Cass Benson moved to be silent on Article 7; second: Liz Lovati
    - **VOTE: 2-1-0**
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- 6.4 Town Bicycle Committee request
  - Moved to New Business (7.4)
  - **MOTION:** Cass Benson moved to table this item until the next meeting; second: Liz Lovati

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## 7. New Business

- 7.1 Bus Bids
  - Dr. Singer presented the bus bids
  - **MOTION:** Cass Benson moved to approved the bid from Dattco, Inc.; second: Tracy Kachtick-Anders
  - VOTE: 4-0-0
- 7.2 ATM articles - votes of recommendation
  - **MOTION:** moved to recommend Article 3 on the Tow Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Assessment); second: Cass Benson
  - **VOTE 4-0-0**
- 7.3 SY2019 calendar
  - Presented the draft of the school calendar. Committee will vote on the calendar at March meeting.

## 8. PSC Comments

**Ms. Lythcott-** Moved by Christina and Kayleigh's compassionate activism and proud to be part of the IB school

**Ms. Benson** - thanked the people who came to speak this evening during public comments

**Ms. Lovati** - echoed Ms. Benson's thoughts

**Ms. Kachtick-Anders** - Wants to make sure that everyone feels heard.

## 9. Adjournment

Motion by Ngina to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by cass benson

**VOTE:** 4-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm.