

Provincetown International Baccalaureate World (IBW) Schools
School Committee Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes May 13, 2020

Due to the restrictions put in place by the governor, this meeting was held through teleconference.

1. Call to Order - 2:04 pm

2. Roll Call - Eva Enos, Liz Lovati, Ngina Lythcott, Penny Sutter, Adrianna Stefani (joined 2:39).

Staff present: Suzanne Scallion (Superintendent), Timothy Reynolds (Principal) Jeff Slater (Vice Principal/SPED Director), Edgar Miranda (Early Learning Program Director), Megan Amorese (Performance and Dance Educator)

3. Public Comments - None

4. Review Minutes -

Minutes for 4-27-20 Eva made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Ngina seconded, Vote approved 4-0-0.

5. Teacher Presentations:

5.1 Megan Amorese - showed a video of the students sharing their Teacher Appreciation Week thanks for how the teachers have supported them during the 7 weeks of remote learning due to the pandemic both educationally, emotionally and even delivering food. - Meeting IB school goals, Dr. Reynolds commented that the students are learning how to be internationally minded and caring.

6. Superintendent's Update - Dr. Scallion

Dr. Scallion shared that the students are very aware of the dedication of teachers and proud of their school. She stated that all the staff are doing so much, and many going above and beyond to continue moving forward and mitigating the impact of the pandemic. She shared that the Provincetown town community leadership is working very well and hard around this pandemic. She is attending their meetings from 3 times to just once a week.

6.1 Budget - Launched the Anchor Fund, as a continuation of the fund by the same name that benefitted 5 families. There are 9 families on the waiting list.

Dr Scallion is in the process of applying to the ESSER Fund from the CARES Act - emergency relief-money coming to schools. This new allocation can be spent in this or next years' budget. We are now positioned and ready for remote learning should we need to do that in the fall. Previous funds were spent on 1-1 hardware devices, headphones with a boom for increased student focus, food, and curriculum supplies and materials for students at home.

7. Unfinished Business - Dr. Scallion

7.1 Contract Amendments related to Coronavirus Pandemic and Facility Closure - Dr. Scallion - Nothing formal yet.

7.2 Scholarship Committee - A motion was made to reappoint Julia Perry for the next term by Penny, Ngina seconded. Vote 4-0-0 approved.

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8. New Business. -

8.1 Budget Update - No purchases are being approved beyond this point. Budget is tight.

8.2 Summer Food Program - There will not be food distributed from the school through the summer. All families with school-aged children will receive an EBT food card that will be sent out, and a food resource list will be sent home. Everyone is encouraged to accept the card so they can use it for the food bank if they do not want to use it for their family.

8.3 Planning for Re-Opening - “Return Phase”, (“Recovery Phase” will be the time after the vaccine), The return plan will be very detailed. The State will give guidelines, but we are already anticipating the changes by observing other countries as a guide. Some of the areas discussed were: transportation to school, a single entry location, student/staff/temperature check, gloves, school masks, plexiglass in offices, recess/lunch/classroom size, marking hallways, purchasing of cleansers and other things needed for safety(which is already being stockpiled), staffing and student issues. There will be a plan for students whose family does not want them to attend in the school building which may be (taught) addressed at the state level. The CARES money has been spent on the additional items we have purchased for reopening/and other pandemic needs.

Also the state will be making decisions about how “school” will look in the fall.

8.4 School Choice - Discussion about the ability to accept additional students. Discussion about notifying the public of availability of space or grades that are capped. A wait-list may be created.

8.5 Superintendent Contract Renewal - We will discuss this in executive session.

8.6 Tuition Students - Eva made a motion to approve our second year of tuition for our high school (Nauset) students. Ngina, seconded Vote 5-0-0 Approval

9. Comments - The committee wants to thank everyone for their hard work and grateful that the system is working so well to support our students. Thanks to Eva as well, for her guidance as a committee chair.

Tim Reynolds -

The building is benefitting from this time as well. Everything is being cleared, cleaned and repaired as needed.

Jeff Slater -

- A survey went out to staff and families focused primarily on social emotional wellbeing.

Edgar Miranda -

Happy that the leadership here in Provincetown facilitates and supports all.

10. Adjourned: A motion to adjourn at 3:47 made by Ngina Eva seconded. Vote 5-0-0 approved. Not meetings: Executive Session May 18, 2PM, Next SC meeting May 27th 2PM

Minutes submitted by Penny Sutter