

Provincetown International Baccalaureate World (IBW) Schools
School Committee Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes July 22, 2020

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

1. Call to Order - 2:07 pm

2. Roll Call - Eva Enos, Liz Lovati, Ngina Lythcott, Penny Sutter, Adrianna Stefani
Staff present: Suzanne Scallion (Superintendent), Dr. Tim Reynolds (Principal),
Edgar Miranda (Early Learning Program Director)

3. Public Comments - Listeners had no comments

4. Review Minutes -

Minutes for 6-24-20 Eva made a motion to approve the meeting minutes 6-24-20, Adrianna seconded, Vote approved 5-0-0.

Minutes for 7-8-20 Eva made a motion to approve the meeting minutes 7-8-20, Ngina seconded, Vote approved 5-0-0.

5. Leadership Update - Dr. Scallion

5.1 Dr. Scallion - The administration is looking at how to make our school as safe as possible. The State is permitting each school districts to make their own decisions about how they re-open although we must adhere to the state guidelines. We have advantages that we are a small school district in a large space with a new HVAC system. Dr. Scallion shared the multiple plans for reopening. Families will be encouraged to be involved in the planning, so they feel comfortable sending their child to school. Dr. Scallion described the safety precautions to be taken with regard to buses, the school environment (lunch, bathrooms etc.) logistics, and classrooms for students/staff within each "pod".

She received responses to the survey of the remote learning program, the students that may not return, and what concerns there are for reopening. If families choose not to have their child attend there will be remote learning offered for students.

We will be flexible and fast with reacting to the needs of the students and staff should a case of the virus be identified in the community. If necessary, we can close down immediately and continue remotely until it is safe to return. Dr. Scallion will be attending a C-19 research public health meeting for superintendents later today by Harvard/Mass General and will bring that information to us.

Our teachers will have 5 days to meet before they begin the school year so everyone is clear about the protocols for returning safely, and the curriculum additions. Families will be invited to the school at some time during that week.

Anti Racism will be updated. Staff will have an opportunity to offer input for infusing that in to our daily curriculum.

Survey results were discussed. Most families were satisfied with the remote learning experience. Other surveys will be sent to gather additional data to help determine needs for the fall.

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Families may be asked to quarantine before opening, testing students may also be part of the opening plan. The possible options were discussed.

5.2 Principal's Update - Dr. Reynolds has been working on the employee handbook. It will come before the school committee in the future. Within the school building, the custodians continue to clean and organize materials.

5.3 ELC Update - Edgar Miranda - The ELC staff is back in the building. The program continues to refer to the DESE protocols and guidelines to be put in place. The State has not yet given the OK to open.

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6. Unfinished Business - Dr. Scallion

6.1 Contract Amendments related to Coronavirus Pandemic and Facility Closure - The committee met in executive session regarding amendments. There will be more information in the future.

6.2 Reopening Strategies - Strategies were discussed. There will be 3 options. Full time Remote, Hybrid, Week on/Week-off.

6.3 Anti-racism Resolution - 2nd read - The MASC policy was discussed. Adrianna and Ngina will review/revise the resolution.

7. New Business -

7.1 Budget Update - Dr. Scallion - We are looking at the options for meeting the request from the town to reduce our budget \$400,000. We have an option to use money that was earmarked for special projects. A discussion followed with options for bringing in revenue to assist with the town budget request. Grants were discussed and possible tiered tuition for ELC to address the crisis. The cost to the town of the ELC was not correctly articulated to the voters when it was presented. It now costs the taxpayers approximately \$250,000. A subcommittee was formed to consider a presentation to the town – Liz, Adrianna, Suzanne, Edgar. The goal of the subcommittee is to draft an article for the town meeting 2021 regarding the free childcare.

7.2 Family Handbook - Dr Reynolds - The handbook took about 18 months to compile. A discussion of the handbook ensued.

7.3 Upcoming Meeting Dates. We will be meeting weekly at 1:pm on Wednesdays. We hope to have a reopening plan vote on Wednesday August 12. Data from parents and decisions from the state will affect this decision.

8. PSC Comments - Appreciate that people are doing what we should be doing. Always happy to see the true effort and questioning that people bring to the meetings.

9. Adjourned: A motion to adjourn at 3:27 made by Eva, Adrianna seconded. Vote 5-0-0 approved. Next SC meeting July 1:PM

Minutes submitted by Penny Sutter