

Provincetown International Baccalaureate World (IBW) Schools
School Committee Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes August 12, 2020

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

1. Call to Order - 1:06 pm

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

3. Public Comments - Several people (members of the press and school staff) joined the meeting to listen in. Only one made a comment: Helena Ferreira, a parent and a teacher at Provincetown Schools, shared that she is in full support of in-person learning for her 5 year old daughter as well as for her ELL (English Language Learner) students in Provincetown.

4. Review Minutes -

Minutes from August 5 - Eva made a motion to approve the minutes 8-5-20 as amended, Adrianna seconded, Vote approved 4-0-0.

Minutes from Executive session August 5 - Eva a motion to approve the minutes 8-5-20, Adrianna seconded, Vote approved 4-0-0.

Minutes from August 9 - Eva made a motion to approve the minutes 8-9-20 as amended, Ngina seconded, Vote approved 4-0-0.

5. Leadership Update - Dr. Scallion

5.1 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Scallion - The re-opening plan is a living document and will be amended as needed. We are using research and data to assist us in the difficult decisions we have to make. Health and safety of students, staff and the community remain our highest priority.

5.2 Principal's Update - Dr. Reynolds - We are developing protocols for sanitizing the buildings. We are looking at data objectively and through reliable sources.

5.3 ELC Update - Edgar Miranda - The staff and students are back in class online. When it is time for students to return to the building we are confident we will have the appropriate PPE we need to provide a safe environment.

5.4 Special Education Update - Jeff Slater - Mr Slater shared that he appreciates that we are cognizant of the unique position we are here in Provincetown. Many families are involved in hospitality and working directly with tourists visiting Provincetown. Having the focus on safety is important. Mr. Slater has begun family outreach.

6. Unfinished Business -

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6.1 Re-Opening Plan - Dr. Scallion - A 25 page draft was developed for the State DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) to be presented to the State. They requested the following 3 models and how Provincetown Schools plans to address these 3 models:

1. Remote/Distance Learning - Students at home and using tablets or computers to participate in classes.
2. Hybrid - Time in and out of the classroom. Grades 5-8 may be in for part of the week and home for the other part. Studies and Data were discussed supporting the proposed plans.
3. Full In Person with all the safeguards we need to keep everyone as safe as possible - Our State is still struggling with containing the Covid virus. Data from the State to county DPH has been reduced, Map does not reflect total cases but new cases on a 14-day average.

Dr Scallion proposes school begin on September 16 with 2 weeks of remote learning after Labor Day. During this time families would have tours of the building and an introduction to procedures and protocols. Following this a Hybrid model would be put into place if the data supports that, followed by the in-person model. A discussion of the severity of this pandemic, the lack of easy, quick and reliable testing, and the needs of families and childcare ensued.

A motion was made to accept the proposed plan to start remotely for at least the first 2 weeks and we open in stages based on data by Eva, Ngina seconded. Approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

6.2 Policy EBC Supplemental - A motion was made to table the vote on this policy by Eva. Ngina seconded. Approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. New Business. -

8. PSC Comments -

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday at 1:00 PM

9. Adjourned: Eva made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55, Adrianna seconded. Approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

Minutes submitted by Penny Sutter