

Provincetown International Baccalaureate World (IBW) Schools
School Committee Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes September 9, 2020

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

1. Call to Order - 5:03 pm

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

3. Public Comments - none.

4. Review Minutes -

Minutes from Aug 25 - Eva made a motion to approve 8-25-20 meeting minutes, Adrianna seconded, Vote: approved 3-1-0. (Liz abstained).

5. Leadership Update - Dr. Scallion

5.1 Superintendent's Update - teachers are back! Custodians and chef Andrew have done a great job getting everything ready. We will have satellite locations for food distribution. New project based learning platform will be introduced this year. Union Leadership collaboration with supt has been going well in terms of composing MOA. Soccer will be offered Oct 5.

5.2 Principal's Update - professional development for teachers. Ramzulli is the new platform being used, it's project based, good quality program. Schedule is being reviewed by teachers. Two new music teachers, Mike Flanagan and Abby Pollack - there will be a band, and glee club once we open for in person. Christa Chiarello - new guidance counsellor. New Spanish teacher Tomas Ayala will start in term 2, until then he will be stepping in for Ms. Flasher.

5.3 Special Education Update - new staff: Donna DesRoseirs - new school psychologist, Jennifer Watson - speech and language therapist, Jessica Rogers - speech pathologist.

5.4 ELC Program - teachers continue to meet virtually with children. Outreach is continuing. There was a glitch with the Redikker system that caused some interruption in communication.

6. Unfinished Business -

6.1 Back to School Plan - plan has 30 pages. Special Ed section was added to it. The next phase/stage is being developed in collaboration with teachers. The proposed plan for the next stage of reopening will involve an outdoor instruction. There will be remote learning in the morning, and outdoor learning in the afternoon, that will continue

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into rec. The plan is under construction. Metrics will be observed closely. A letter will be going out to families from the Principal at the end of this week, and individual teachers will be emailing their students early next week with the expectations and rules for remote learning. Students will be expected to be dressed appropriately, seated in an appropriate space, and other rules that were outlined in the plan. Information to families has been distributed via emails, texts, phone calls - a lot of information is available on the school website as well www.provincetownschoools.com

7. New Business

7.1 Budget Update -

We continue on a 1/12 budget plan - school gets 1/12 of the budget a month. Suzanne expects to have a printed budget after the Town Meeting. The Committee will see a printed out of spendings every month. Applications to many grants went out - multiple covid related grants, summer school grant, technology grant, ELC early intervention grant, special ed grant. We are understaffed - we are looking for a math teacher, math coach, bus driver, ELC teachers. Consolidation in the speech and language, and psychology department will lead to savings.

7.2 Anti-Racism PSC resolution - Ngina and Adrianna worked with the original MASC version and customized it to our district, incorporating the IB component into it. Thank you both for your work. A motion to approve the Anti-Racism resolution as presented was made by Eva, Adrianna seconded 4-0-0 approved.

7.3 Inventory Disposal - A motion to approve the disposal of surplus equipment as listed was made by Liz, Ngina seconded. Approved 4-0-0.

7.4 Homeschool plan - Suzanne developed a home school application. A template was presented for review. There is an additional policy on homeschooling, IHBG-R - HOME SCHOOLING, in the MASC policy manual that is currently missing from our policy manual. Eva will present the new policy for review at the next meeting. Liz asked about the IB element with regard to home schooling application - generally, parents are required to meet MA education requirements, home schooling does not affect IB.

7.5 Childcare procedures for remote learning - administration has been concerned for families in need of childcare. Through the survey and personal outreach, 13 students were identified who are in need of assistance, additional children of school staff will be eligible for remote learning childcare. Students in need of supervision will be able to attend remote learning from the school gym, they will be provided lunch. The gym provides more than sufficient space to keep students safely distant, and it has wireless broadband. If you would like to volunteer for remote tutoring, or remote learning supervision, please contact the Principal Tim Reynolds.

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7.6 MoA - This MoA is a product of collaboration between the leadership and the Union. Adrianna proposed several corrections and asked for clarification on a few statements. Corrections were acknowledged and clarification provided by Suzanne: Adrianna made a motion to approve the MOA with the updates proposed, Ngina seconded the motion: Vote 4-0-0.

7.7 Policy ACAB - FIRST READ - policy recommended for review by MASC. Legal counsel was consulted and proposed changes that will be presented at the next meeting.

7.8 Retreat - plan was discussed.

8. PSC Comments

- Edgar left early to attend a meeting on childcare. Thank you Karen Boujoukos from the MLK Education Task Force for tuning in today and checking in on the progress of the anti-racism resolution.

9. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM was made by Eva, Adrianna seconded. Approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

Next meeting September 23, 2020

Minutes submitted by Eva Enos