

Town of Provincetown
School Committee
Veterans Memorial Elementary School
Library/Media Center Room #73
2 Mayflower Lane
Provincetown, MA 02657
Minutes of March 13, 2007

Members Present: Peter Grosso (Vice Chair), Burton Wolfman (Secretary),
and Shannon Patrick

Excused: Terese Nelson (Chair), Debra Trovato,

PSC Student Reps: Pele Berg and Jasmine Hadley

Others Present: Jessica Waugh, Elizabeth Francis, Sallie Tighe, Lorie Welch and Others

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve the January 27, 2007 Minutes. Seconded by Shannon Patrick. So voted 3-0

The Minutes of 2/6/2007 were tabled until the next meeting. The committee unable to reach a quorum. Only member who could approve was Mr. Grosso. Ms. Patrick and Mr. Wolfman were not in attendance at the 2/6/07 meeting.

Superintendent's Update:

Ms. Waugh informed the Committee of the following acknowledgements:

→Richard Murray of the Crown & Anchor gift of the proceeds of the Saint Patrick's Day celebration to the PHS Music Fund.

→Paul Fanizzi of Fanizzi's Restaurant a gift of \$500 to the PHS Music Fund

→Lynn Stanley and the Provincetown Art Association and Museum for presenting the VMES student art show.

→Peter Grosso and the Lion's Club for their sponsorship of the Peace Poster Contest

The committee members suggested that the posters be put on display at this year's Town Meeting.

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VMES Parent/Teacher Conference Change:

Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve a 2006-07 school calendar changing the VMES Parent/teacher Conference day to march 29, 2007. Peter Grosso seconded. So voted 3-0

Ms. Waugh informed the Committee that the Truro Tuition Agreement is in force through the 2009 school year.

Ms. Waugh also informed the Committee of a recent Building and Grounds insurance audit which noted specific areas of deficiency that need to be corrected. The areas noted are the sidewalks in front of the high school, the VMES parking lot sink holes, and an inadequate grade change at the entrance to the VMES.

Ms. Waugh also informed the Committee of the extensive schedule of MCAS testing starting in March and continuing

through the middle of June. As part of the MCAS discussion she noted that Provincetown has had a 100% success rate since 2003 making it one of 10 statewide. Provincetown is also the only district on the Cape to have 100% retention of its senior class. In other words, all 9th graders graduated four years later.

Unfinished Business:

The Committee was informed that an amicable solution has been developed regarding the fence on Motta Field and Seashore Point construction.

New Business:

The Committee discussed the first draft of the 2007-2008 school calendar. Ms. Waugh and Mr. Wolfman both questioned the professional development day schedule indicating that a five day training period prior to the opening of school would be more effective. The Committee noted that such a change would require re-negotiation with the PAE. Ms. Waugh also indicated that she will be applying for a grant to review the length of the school year and the school day. Mr. Wolfman moved that the district reopen the professional development schedule with the union. Shannon Patrick seconded. So voted 3-0.

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectively Submitted

School Committee Signature

Date

These Minutes were approved at a meeting held on March 27, 2007