

Town of Provincetown
School Committee
Veterans Memorial Elementary
Library/Media Center Room #73
2 Mayflower Lane

Minutes of September 11, 2007

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice Chair), Shannon Patrick, Debra Trovato, Kerry Adams (arrived at 4:35 P.M.)

Others Present: Jessica Waugh, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Floriano Pavão, School Principal, Sallie Tighe, PAE President, Elizabeth Francis, Peggy Donoghue, David Malady, Allan Peterson, Emily Edwards, Lorie Welch, Carol D'Amico, Amornmarn Vipatayothin, Alma Welsh, Betty White, Sharon Lynne, Town Manager and Others

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

December 12, 2006 Minutes, April 24, 2007 Minutes, and August 21, 2007 were tabled on a Motion made by Peter Grosso. Seconded by Deb Trovato. So voted 4-0

Appreciation:

Superintendent Waugh publicly acknowledged the school custodians for their excellent work during the summer months.

Superintendent's Update:

- Ms. Waugh introduced the new personnel for the 2007-08 School Year: Margaret Ward Donoghue, School Psychologist, Allan Peterson, 6th Grade Teacher, Emily Edwards, part-time Spanish Teacher, David McLardy, part-time Math Teacher. Linda Koelbel, Director of Special Education was unable to attend the meeting. She will meet with the committee at a latter date.
- Ms. Waugh reviewed how well the first day of school went; she gave each member a packet handed out on the first day. She knew the committee would like to see the information shared in the packets.
- The superintendent brought-up the MassSail and shared an informational packet with the committee.
- Ms. Waugh updated the members on the Steering Committee. She indicated the Steering Committee will do a workshop with the school committee probably at the end of October or early November. She announced the committee chairman is Steven Roderick; the committee co-vice chairmen are Donald Murphy and Paul Silva.

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The superintendent asked Carol D'Amico to speak regarding the AFS (American Field Service) Intercultural Program. Ms. D'Amico introduced Amornmarn Vipatayothin a teacher from Thailand who Carol is mentoring this year. Each member received a copy of a pamphlet Ms. Vipatayothin is sharing with teachers at PHS.

6. Unfinished Business:

Although no unfinished business was on the agenda, Chair, Terese Nelson, did ask the superintendent to update the committee on the progress of working on a new athletic hand book. She indicated Lisa Colley is gathering athletic handbooks from other districts to peruse. Also discussed noting the athletic handbook should be placed on the school website.

7. New Business:

7.1 Dr. Pavão informed the committee of his meeting with the NEASC representative. He stated the report is due March 2008 and he is working with the faculty to complete all the necessary documents for submission.

7.2 AYP Report was discussed by Superintendent Waugh noting math is a huge issue.

7.3 November Special Town Meeting was reviewed. The first item was that Medicaid reimbursements are sent to the town and then deposited into the general fund. The school no longer has any connection to the reimbursements or invoicing; therefore, the Town of Provincetown will need to write the article to create an appropriate account number for this revenue. Sharon Lynn, Town Manager agreed this article is not the responsibility of the school department but of the town.

The committee then received a report from Superintendent Waugh that the cement stairs going down from the elementary school to the high school and Grace Hall Parking lot are in an extremely serious state of deterioration. Betty White explained to the committee she has received one estimate and will get two more in order to write an article for the STM requesting the funds to fix the problem. The committee agreed and will review the article and formally vote on it at the next scheduled meeting.

On a roll call vote the committee went into Executive Session for purposes of Discussion with respect to Non-Union Contracts and Discussion with respect to Collective Bargaining. The Chair announced the committee would not be returning to open session for the purpose of adjournment.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Patrick
School Committee

Date

These Minutes were approved at a meeting held on: 10/16/2007