

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2000

Meeting Held in the High School Annex

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Members Present: Lois Borgesi (Chair), Frank Wills (Vice-Chair), Terese Nelson (Secretary), Dana Berry, William Rogers

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Dr. Fleming (Superintendent), Mr. Rokicki (VMES Principal), Mr. Marino (PHS Principal), Ms Katherine Slivka (Director of Student Services), Todd Hnis (Student Representative), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary), parents, students and staff.

Call to Order: Dr. Fleming called the Meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

REORGANIZATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

William Rogers nominated Lois Borgesi for Chair, Dana Berry seconded. There were no other nominations. *Lois Borgesi was elected Chair by a vote of 5-0*

Lois Borgesi congratulated William Rogers and Terese Nelson on their re-election and election, respectively, to the School Committee.

William Rogers nominated Frank Wills for Vice-Chair, Dana Berry seconded. There were no other nominations. *Frank Wills was elected Vice-Chair by a vote of 5-0.*

Dana Berry nominated Terese Nelson for Secretary, William Rogers seconded. There were no other nominations. *Terese Nelson was elected Secretary by a vote of 5-0.*

VISITORS' STATEMENTS

- Emily Anderson read a prepared statement concerning compliance with State statutes.

MINUTES

April 11, 2000, Regular Session – Dana Berry moved to approve with minor corrections, William Rogers seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 abstain (Terese Nelson).

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Certification Notice from Town Clerk on Recall of School Committee Member
- Board of Selectmen letter concerning scheduling Special Election for School Committee Recall.
- Letter from Gerald Fortier, Superintendent of Schools, Truro Central School re: Annual Joint Meeting, which is scheduled for May 22.
- MASC Annual Business Meeting Announcement.
- City and Town Newsletter.
- Cape Codder Newspaper article on the Spring Musical.
- Licensing Board notice concerning hearing on a property to which the School is an abutter
- Letter to Mr. Borelli of the Center for Coastal Studies concerning the future of the Annex.
- Invitation to a initiation ceremony for new Honor Society members

- Monthly Financial Statement, dated 4/28/2000.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Report on PSC District Improvement Workshop
 - ◆ Indicators of Excellence: Update. Dr. Fleming distributed copies of a spreadsheet showing status /progress of these indicators.
 - ◆ Dr. Fleming reported that Rick Leighton had been chosen as the 60% Site Coordinator for the National Faculty.
 - ◆ Lois Borgesi and Frank Wills commented that they were pleased with the Workshop proceedings. William Rogers reported that he was happy to see that the efforts of the School Committee were beginning to create positive results.
 - ◆ **Minutes of April 25, 2000, District Improvement Workshop - *William Rogers moved to accept with minor corrections, Frank Wills seconded, and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 abstain (Dana Berry).***

JOINT MEETING WITH STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP (April Schmidt, Todd Hnis, Justin Smith, Nate Mayo, Lucas Colburn)

Lois Borgesi called the Joint Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

- **Discussion Student/Staff Parking** – Dr. Fleming reported that Mr. Richards, the Parking Administrator, had declined to attend the joint meeting. Dr. Fleming reported on her discussions with Mr. Richards, who said he felt it was a decision for the Board of Selectmen. Todd Hnis reported on the numbers of seniors, juniors and faculty that currently need parking. Lois Borgesi concluded that it appeared that approximately 50 spots were needed during school hours. Nate Mayo recommended having a designated school parking area, adding that it would also be used by school visitors. Mr. Marino recommended setting aside the Lot#1 of the Grace Hall parking area for designated School parking. The School Committee discussed the possibility of holding a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on the issue. In response to a question from Nate Mayo, Dr. Fleming explained the current status of the research on jurisdiction of the Grace Hall Parking Lot. ***William Rogers moved to open the Joint Meeting to Public Comment, Dana Berry seconded, and it was so voted, 5-0.***
- **Public Comment:** Deb Trovato asked how many parking spots were in Lot #1 of Grace Hall and Dr. Fleming said she thought there were approximately 100 spots. The School Committee discussed the possible problems with reserving so many spots. Dr. Fleming and Lucas Colburn spoke about also opening the Lot #1 to residents. Todd Hnis suggested making resident parking stickers available to students and teachers and then restricting Lot#1 to only sticker holders. Lois Borgesi closed the Public Comment portion of the Joint Meeting.
- ***Frank Wills moved to authorize the Superintendent to write to the Selectmen that we strongly recommend that Lot #1 of the Grace Hall Parking Lot be restricted to students and staff during school hours (7:30 to 3:30) during the school year with appropriate signage, Dana Berry seconded, and it was so voted, 5-0.***
- **Miscellaneous** - Dr. Fleming announced that 14 out of 27 of Truro's current 6th Graders have decided to come to Provincetown next year and that there are also several new school choice students. There is also a possibility of a foreign student attending on a student visa.
William Rogers thanked the students for speaking in support of Mr. Marino at the last School Committee meeting. Mr. Marino reported that the day-by-day countdown-to-graduation sheets are already posted in the High School.
Adjournment: The Joint meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Lois Borgesi convened the Regular Session at 8:11 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **FY 2001 Budget** – Dr. Fleming requested that budget issues be given top priority at upcoming meetings. Dr. Fleming referred to a memo stating that, due to contracted salary increases, the budget is currently \$17,000 over the original approved amount.
- **FY 2000 Budget** – Dr. Fleming reported on several unexpected expenses.
- **Facility Rentals: Individuals** – Dr. Fleming referred to requests from:
 1. Lion's Club to use the VMES Parking Lot for paid parking on July 4th and August 17th. Mr. Grosso spoke on behalf of the Lion's Club. By consensus, the Committee agreed to waive the \$150 User Fee. The School Committee discussed the issue of a private organization collecting revenue from the use of school property.

Mr. Grosso confirmed that revenues raised went into the Club's Charity Fund. By consensus, the School Committee agreed to the request.

2. Three individuals requesting use of the art room and ceramics kiln. After discussion, by consensus, the School Committee agreed to the request.

- **Other** – In response to a question from Frank Wills, Dr. Fleming clarified the Licensing Board's Notice to Abutters concerning the Cape Cod Gay Pride event on Motta Field.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mileage Reimbursement Rate** – Dr. Fleming discussed a memo explaining her recommendation to increase the rate to \$0.315 per mile. *Frank Wills moved to increase the rate to \$0.315 per mile for everyone who gets mileage reimbursement, Dana Berry seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.*

- **Discussion: Draft of 2000-2001 School Calendar** - Dr. Fleming referred to her memo and a draft calendar. The School Committee discussed reducing/modifying the February and April vacations, especially while the Building Project is ongoing. This would result in the school year ending earlier. The School Committee discussed various combinations for vacations and professional days. Dr. Fleming suggested sending letters to staff, students, parents and other concerned parties requesting their input. By consensus, the School Committee agreed to seek such input and to put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting. William Rogers agreed to research the possibility of housing the Building Project construction workers in school buildings. The School Committee discussed the recently passed Town Meeting article restricting hours for external and outdoor construction/repair work.

- **Reorganization of PSC Sub-Committees** – The members volunteered as follows:

- a. Budget Planning – Terese Nelson, Frank Wills
- b. PSC Policy – Dana Berry, Frank Wills
- c. Contract Negotiations/PAE Professional Discussions – Lois Borgesi, William Rogers
- d. School Building Committee – Lois Borgesi, William Rogers
- e. Staff Job Descriptions – Dana Berry
- f. Public Relations – Terese Nelson, Frank Wills

- **Other**

- 1. Frank Wills reported on an article from the April 5th Newsweek on why teachers are not “those who can’t.”
- 2. In response to a question from William Rogers, Dr. Fleming reported that the photo of students and staff was going to be published in The Net.
- 3. Dr. Fleming reported that Campus Provincetown’s new brochure praised the Provincetown School District.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

- None

Dana Berry moved to go into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation and Collective Bargaining: Union and Non-Union, Frank Wills seconded and it was so voted in a roll call vote of those School Committee members present.

Chair Lois Borgesi reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:20 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Terese Nelson moved to adjourn at 10:20 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

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These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown School Committee at their meeting on _____, 200__

Respectfully Submitted:

School Committee Signature

Title

Rachel T. Crosby, On-call secretary

