

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Meeting minutes of March 12, 2002
Meeting held in the cafeteria of the Provincetown High School**

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Frank Wills (Vice-Chair), Debra Trovato (Secretary), Dana Berry and William Rogers.

Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Interim Superintendent), Edward Boxer (Acting High School Principal), Lynne Newton, Brian Davis (Principal Truro Central), Tim Dicky, Mary McGuire, Theresa Humes, Gerald Fortier (Superintendent Truro Central), and Kenneth Oxtoby.

**Joint Meeting of the Provincetown School Committee
and the Truro School Committee**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Dr. Traylor gave an update on the VMES relocation into the Annex. Because of cramped space, the hallways have been utilized for computer, nursing stations, etc. Everything is going smoothly with no complaints. The Building Project is progressing nicely. She also informed the committee about a reading remedial programs, PreK-12 that she is working on closely with teachers who will be going throughout the district to implement.

Mr. Boxer gave an overview of the upcoming move of the high school. The 7th and 8th grade will occupy a wing at the newly renovated VMES and the high school will move into the Annex. When the new shop area is completed, some classes will move into that space from the Annex.

Dr. Wills advised that he has been attending many of the finance and other town board meetings. He feels that the additional \$500,000 will be supported by the town.

Dr. Fortier asked if we were due for accreditation. Dr. Traylor explained where we are in that process: that both schools were up for accreditation and groups are working diligently on this major task.

The Chair reminded all present about the Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for Motta Field Restoration by the Lions Club and Chef Reis on Saturday, March 16th from 4-8 PM. Dr. Traylor informed those present that a new irrigation system, backstop, dugouts have all been put in and new fencing will be purchased for the whole premises. Field work will be done by Cape Cod Tech.

Dr. Wills noted that the state has stated that the School Building Projects that are restoring and renovating will be put at the top of the list before new school building projects; which is good news for our situation.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Oxtoby who had Mr. Davis give an update on their school changes and developments.

Mr. Davis stated that they are now offering three days of Spanish and have extended their school day by contract. They have also been going through accreditation process for PreK-K. A new playground has been put in for PreK and the other section of the playground will be redone as the result of an audit. Field trips have been increased. The 4th grade will go to the Coast Guard Station as a stepping stone to the 5th grade trip to Nature's Classroom. They are continuing their relationship with Castle Hill for instruction and are taking the students there instead of them coming to the school. They have completely updated their technology lab with hard drives, air conditioning, networking and their own website. They have fully automated the library. Bullying policies have been extended to include transportation with assigned seating and the older children taking responsibility for the younger ones. Teachers take turns riding the bus in the morning and afternoon. The 3rd and 4th grade teachers are co-teaching both grades.

Dr. Fortier asked if they could be notified when one of the Truro students at PHS is receiving an award so that they may send congratulations.

Lynne Newton advised that they just completed their audit and are applying for regular and competitive grants. She commented on how exciting it is to know that we are expanding our Culinary Arts Program and how pleased she was that there were five Truro students with major roles in the spring musical this year.

Mr. Berry asked if the Truro School Committee would ask the Town of Truro to pay into the renovation project. Dr.

Fortier said no.

Discussion continued with the possibility of amending the agreement between the schools. When the subcommittee met, they discovered that the bookkeeping aspect was too much and felt that it could be simplified. They came up with the proposal for the next fiscal year for the computation portion of the agreement; the rest of the contract will remain the same. See attached copy. Names will be included on the bills for exactly who they are paying for. It was voted unanimously by both committees.

Joint Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

REGULAR SESSION

Regular session called to order by Chair at 7:50 PM.

MINUTES:

Dana Berry made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2002 as written; seconded by Debra Trovato; and so voted 5-0.

Dana Berry made a motion to accept the minutes of February 28, 2002 as written; seconded by Debra Trovato; and so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

Dr. Traylor informed the committee of the preparations being made for Town Meeting. The extra monies requested by the School Building Committee will be article #7 of the Special Town Meeting; the regular budget will be voted on in the regular Town Meeting. Child care will be provided for parents to attend meeting by the PTA.

NEW BUSINESS:

The softball team requested to take the team on an overnight to Connecticut in vans. Frank Wills made the motion to approve of the trip; seconded by William Rogers; and so voted 5-0.

A motion was made and approved 5-0 to add the following item to the agenda:

A line item transfer was requested for \$1,740 to Student Activities for an elementary school overnight to Plimouth Plantation that was postponed due to September 11th. It was so voted 5-0.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

The chair informed the committee of a public forum to be held at the town hall on March 18 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Manor.

The chair publicly thanked Betty Steele-Jeffers for her letter supporting the schools.

Meeting adjourned.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown School Committee at their meeting on _____, 20_____.

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

Title

Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary