

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Meeting minutes of October 15, 2002
Meeting held in the School Annex Building**

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), William Rogers (Vice-Chair), and Peter Grosso (Secretary). Frank Wills and Debra Trovato were excused.

Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Superintendent), Anthony Teso (VMES Principal), Edward Boxer (PHS Principal) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

REGULAR SESSION

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

No Public Comments.

MINUTES:

William Rogers made the motion to postpone the October 1, 2002 minutes until the other members were present; seconded by Peter Grosso; so voted 3-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

Dr. Traylor gave the committee an update on the Building Project. The rooms in the high school are beginning to take shape. The technology needs to be customized for the needs of our school and students. Proper wiring must be installed to accommodate those needs.

Instructional plans need to be in place for those students whose primary language is not English (Limited English Proficiency or LEP). Program modification will be done to accommodate these students in the regular classrooms. A Home Language Survey has been sent home to the parents of all students. Dr. Traylor requested that the committee accept the plans for these instructional modifications. Peter Grosso made the motion to accept; seconded by William Rogers; so voted

3-0.

Our system is part of the Cape Cod Collaborative Online Recruiting Service. Positions available will be advertised through this service to give us a bigger pool of recruits.

Dr. Traylor advised the committee of public relation initiatives that have begun. A brochure about our school system is in the process of being developed. Dr. Traylor and Terese Nelson will be meeting with the editor of the Banner to discuss articles to be put in their newspaper on a regular basis. Dr. Traylor and Terese Nelson were on WOMR Radio for a live interview and were requested to do a weekly program at the station, utilizing school administrators, staff and students.

An in depth MCAS presentation was given by Dr. Traylor and Mr. Teso. Much data was collected and graphs made to bring forth the extensive information.

The Curriculum Council members were present to inform of their strategies to improve student performance of the MCAS. Individual student success plans will be developed. Ms. Dundas is targeting math and is currently working with high school teachers. The focus is on the areas that the students found difficult on the test. The building principals work closely with the Curriculum Council which keeps everyone on the same page with the same focus. Concentration is on all levels: individual, classroom and district. It was noted that retest scores are not added in to original scores but are held separate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Grosso made the motion to table the PHS Outdoor Club Request until Mr. Hanlon can be present at the meeting; William Rogers seconded; so voted 3-0.

Maurice Worth, PHS Athletic Director, requested \$325 for an entrance fee for attend to a basketball tournament to be held in November in Griswold, Ct. Larry Luster and Cynthia Packard will accompany the athletes and will assume all other costs related to the trip. This trip was recommended by Dr. Traylor as long as all field trip rules apply. William Rogers made the motion to approve this trip and the \$325 entrance fee; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 3-0.

The Chair brought the Social Studies Curriculum Frameworks to the committee's attention. She also gave thanks to the Curriculum Council and Mr. Teso for their presentation on the MCAS results.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting to be held on November, 12, 2002, 6:30 PM at the Annex.

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