

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of May 27, 2003
Meeting held at Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair) and Frank Wills (Secretary).

Members Absent: Molly Perdue (excused) and Debra Trovato.

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

REGULAR SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2003 as printed; Frank Wills seconded; so voted 3-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee of the high school students named as **Cape Cod Times Rising Stars**. Five seniors were chosen and highlighted in the May 19, 2003 edition. The Chair suggested that these five seniors be recognized at their Awards Assembly by being given a certificate from the Committee and all members agreed.
- **Mr. Teso gave a summary of the 2002-2003 VMES school year.** He felt that he provided stability. His question to the staff was: "do I trust you to do the right thing". He feels that his staff has risen to his expectations. He also invites them to ask the same question of him. He will give them a questionnaire to fill out at the end of the year. Mr. Teso would like the students and community to feel that he and his staff can be counted on to do the right thing. Any constructive criticism will be taken under advisement.
- **Mr. Boxer gave a summary of the 2002-2003 PHS school year.** He felt that it was a challenging year with the relocation to the Annex building and the accreditation. Mr. Boxer stated that the staff and students rose to the challenge and that the moral of both is good. Communication with the community and parents has increased with the rebirth of the "Foghorn" and increase radio programs with WOMR. The two schools have come together and Mr. Boxer feels that he and Mr. Teso work well together and that collaboration made a rough year workable. Everyone in the high school is looking forward to reentering the nice, spacious building in the fall. Dr. Wills informed those present that he has received only positive feedback about the schools this year, with the exception of those related to the school building project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5.1 Frank Wills made the motion to table the **athletic program cost analysis** discussion until the newly appointed Athletic Director could be present; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Frank Wills gave the Committee information for their perusal regarding the **Town Board input on FY-04 goals.** Dr. Wills made the motion that the School Committee participate in the Town Managers invitation for community goal setting process; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 3-0.
- 6.2 The Committee received a request for days from the **Sick Leave Bank.** Frank Wills made the motion to appoint Peter Grosso and Debra Trovato to sit on the committee to review request; Terese Nelson seconded; so voted 3-0.
- 6.3 The following members were appointed to serve on these **subcommittees:**
 - School Building Sub Committee-Peter Grosso and Terese Nelson
 - School Budget Sub Committee-Terese Nelson and Debra Trovato
 - Student Handbook Sub Committee-Terese Nelson and Debra Trovato
 - Long Range Financial Planning Committee-Frank Wills and Molly Perdue
 - Tuition Negotiation Sub Committee-Frank Wills and Terese Nelson

Use of Facilities Sub Committee-Debra Trovato and Peter Grosso
Sick Leave Bank Sub Committee-Peter Grosso and Debra Trovato
Union Negotiations-Peter Grosso

Dr. Tailor informed the Committee that the cost overruns for the Building Project has lowered the monies needed to purchase necessary furniture for the high school. She asked to be allowed to expend School Choice monies to purchase furniture necessary for school opening. Peter Grosso made the motion to authorize Dr. Traylor to spend up to \$50,000 from the operational budget and/or School Choice to supplement the purchase of furniture for PHS; seconded by Frank Wills; so voted 3-0.

There was discussion on meeting dates and times for the summer months. It was suggested that the meetings take place once a month, with more added if necessary, on the second Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 PM.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

Jessica Waugh, senior class advisor, gave the Committee a calendar of senior week events. She also informed the Committee that the graduation guest speaker would be Dr. Joely Vizard Edwards, PHS Graduate Class of 1988.

Mr. Boxer informed the Committee that there will be an appreciation barbecue for both staffs at his home on June 1, beginning at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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