

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 7, 2003
Meeting held at VMES Library

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Frank Wills (Secretary), Molly Perdue and Debra Trovato.
Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Superintendent), Edward Boxer (PHS Principal), Anthony Teso (VMES Principal), Ted Dubsy (Director of Technology) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

No public comments.

MINUTES:

Debra Trovato made the motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2003 as printed; seconded by Frank Wills; so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- A review of the **Spring 2003 MCAS** was presented. Ed Boxer and Anthony Teso explained the graphs and bars showing how the district's scores compared to the following: the State's scores and the district's previous scores. These test results show the Curriculum Council where the focus for instruction needs to be to keep the students progressing in a positive curve.
- Jessica Waugh and Barbara Losordo informed the Committee of the **district's testing schedule**. The testing of students is proactive; testing to assess student's progress all through their years in the district. The Curriculum Council meets with teachers to discuss the test so that frameworks are taught. Analyzing the test scores will tell which standards the student have and have not learned.
- The **Goals of the Curriculum Department** was discussed with the Committee by Jessica Waugh and Barbara Losordo. This year the council will be working on the curriculum guides for World Languages and Health. Curriculum mapping is continuous for all grades, K-12. Materials are being examined and ordered on an ongoing basis. The recently purchased texts are being used and the Council and teaching staff are pleased with them.
- The **Goals of the Administrative Council** was presented to the Committee. The members of the Administrative Council: Ted Dubsy, Anthony Teso, Barbara Losordo, Jessica Waugh, Edward Boxer and Dr. Traylor, meet every Tuesday. This committee aligns their goals with those of the School Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 Dr. Traylor gave the Committee an update on the **Tennis Court** project. Frank Wills made the motion to approve restoration/repair of the tennis courts in the amount of \$50,000, with \$18,000 coming out of School Choice fund; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0. There was a continuing discussion about having some town workers help with the project in some way. The general public uses the courts as well as the students.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

Peter Grosso thanked Anthony Teso for having the students of VMES make posters for the chicken dinner to be held at the VFW on Saturday, October 11, from 4:00-7:30 PM to benefit the Florence Bent Memorial Playground at VMES. Mr. Grosso also expressed the need for help at the dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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