

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of December 9, 2003 Meeting held at Annex Building

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), Jessica Waugh (Curriculum Coordinator) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burt Wolfman congratulated the Chair and Dr. Traylor on the presentation given at the Selectmen's meeting on December 8, 2003. He feels the Committee needs to aggressively publicize the schools.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- **Burt Wolfman, Chairman of the Building Project**, spoke of the formal transfer of the buildings back to the School Committee now that the project is at its completion. He commented on the four year process with different administrations. The Building Committee feels that safety; program curriculum and code issues have been met. He gave the Committee a "needs list" of items that should be considered for safety and program enhancement. These were not included in the original education specs. There was a discussion of whether or not the state would reimburse at the 60% for these items. Prices approved by DOE would be needed.
- There was a group organized in November to head a **Celebration of Schools Day**. Jessica Waugh informed the Committee of the progress that has been made to date. The selected date for the Celebration is January 21, 2004, with a snow date of January 22, 2004. An outline of activities was given to the Committee. Discussion of what is to be included was held. The next meeting for the Celebration Committee will be held on Monday, 12/15/03 @ 10:00 AM in the Annex.
- A report on **Adequate Yearly Progress** was delivered to the Committee by Dr. Traylor, Mr. Boxer and Mr. Teso. Dr. Traylor gave the Committee background on how and why this assessment is done. A difficulty of the No Child Left Behind Act is that non-English speaking and/or special needs students are assessed in the same way as all other students and they cannot perform well. Both schools met with success in their Adequate Yearly Progress thus far.

Molly Perdue made the motion to move up 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3, all New Business; seconded by Frank Wills; and so voted 5-0.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Mr. Teso brought forth to the Committee a request for fifth and sixth graders to take an overnight field trip to **Nature's Classroom** in Andover, Ct. from May 24, 2004-May 27, 2004. Nature's Classroom has on site supervision and two teacher chaperones would accompany the students. The parents are fundraising to defray costs. Mr. Teso publicly acknowledged the Lion's Club for their \$1,000 donation for this trip. Dr. Traylor was in support of the trip but with the addition of one chaperone. Debra Trovato made the motion to approve the fifth and sixth graders overnight trip to Nature's Classroom with the additional chaperone; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 5-0.
- 7.2 Lisa Colley, PHS Athletic Director, requested that there be a ceremony **dedicating the PHS gym** to Mr. David Murphy and Ms. Elizabeth DeRiggs. After discussion, it was the consensus that a committee be formed to choose person/persons the gym should be dedicated to. Mrs. Colley will gather a committee and come back with results. This may be done during the Celebration of Schools.
- 7.3 Fran Manion, PHS Media Specialist, brought a copy of an **Acceptable Use Policy** for a first reading by the Committee. This policy is for utilization of technology equipment. This agreement must be signed by the student and the parent.

RETURN TO EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- The Committee was given a list of **WOMR radio program topics** for this year.
- Jessica Waugh presented the Committee with the new **middle school math** books to be used for seventh and eighth grades. An overview of the program was given.
- A schedule of **School Budget Public Hearings** was discussed at length. Dr. Wills feels that the committee should go before the town with a moderate increase, as in past years. Concerns about income from leasing/renting space in the Annex were discussed. Peter Grosso will talk to members of the Selectmen one on one about the leasing of the Annex. Dr. Traylor and Terese Nelson will talk to the school's attorney regarding this matter and a possible letter to the selectmen on this issue. It was decided that the January 13, 2004 meeting of the School Committee will also be a Budget Hearing.

Dr. Traylor informed the Committee about the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest. Students receive fifty dollars for entering, with the winning poster receiving one hundred dollars.

Dr. Traylor also acknowledged the Lion's Club generous donation of \$1,000 for the trip to Nature's Classroom. The Chair annually attends the Academy Tea at PHS but she has a commitment this year. Frank Wills will be representing the Committee this year.

The Regular meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

The Chair will adjourn out of Executive Session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

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Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary