

Town of Provincetown
School Committee
Veterans Memorial Elementary
Curriculum Council Room - #90
Minutes of August 16, 2006

Members Present: Peter Grosso (Vice Chair), Debra Trovato, Burton Wolfman, (Secretary), Shannon Patrick

Absent: Terese Nelson, Chairperson

Also Present: Jessica Waugh, Supt. of Schools, Anthony Teso, VMES Principal/DSS, Betty White, Adm. Assistant Business & Finance, Beth Francis, Sally Tighe, and John Hanlon

Vice Chair Peter Grosso called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

Minutes:

Burt Wolman made a motion to approve the June 27, 2006 Minutes. Seconded by Debra Trovato. So Voted 4-0.

Educational Update:

Superintendent Waugh reported on the PHS Principal search indicating that there was an impressive applicant pool of eighteen, ten of which were being interviewed. The search committee consists of students, parents, staff and community members. She also reported on the guidance counselor search indicating 20 applications have been received. Ms. Waugh reported her intention to have both positions filled by the opening of school.

New Business:

• Student Insurance

Betty White informed the Committee of the premium changes in the student accidental insurance policy exceeding the FY-07 budgeted funds. For the past eleven years the School Budget covered the cost of student insurance. Due to the cost exceeding the budgeted amount, there are other options open to the Committee for its consideration and approval. The choices are: 1) place insurance with another company, or 2) pass the premium costs on to the parents. Students that are not insured will not be deprived of care because there are other State and Federal agencies that provide care for those uninsured. Most parents already have health insurance. Deb Trovato moved to inform parents that they can purchase an optional accidental insurance policy for each student at a cost of \$10 per year for school hours, or \$70 per year for 24 hour coverage. Burt Wolfman seconded the motion. It was so voted 4-0.

• Transportation Coordinator

Ms. Waugh provided an update on discussions of a new position, Transportation Coordinator. This function has previously been coordinated by the Guidance Counselor.

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• Student Field Trip

The Committee discussed a field trip request for AMC'S "A Mountain Classroom" in New Hampshire and Vermont Rafting proposed by John Hanlon for his science classes. Ms. Waugh informed the Committee the field trip policy needs review and clarification regarding chaperons, curriculum relevancy, cost, and time. Burt Wolfman made a motion to approve the student trip with the understanding that the policy review would be reported back to the Committee. Deb Trovato seconded the motion. It was so voted 4-0.

Burt Wolfman asked Ms. Waugh about interactions with the Finance Committee and Town. She provided an update indicating a more thorough discussion would take place after the opening of school.

Ms. Waugh informed the Committee of the resignation from Bob McKay, Guidance Counselor. She also informed the Committee of hiring a part time instrumental music teacher, Nancy Medeiros, the Transportation Coordinator, Lucy Hamilton, and the resignation of the Jr/Sr High School Special Education teacher Dawn Schnitzer.

The Committee adjourned at 10:40A.M.

Respectively Submitted

School Committee Signature

Date

These Minutes were approved at a meeting held on: _____

School Committee signature

Title