



School Committee

**Provincetown School Committee Meeting
Veterans Memorial Elementary School
Library Media Center – Room #73
2 Mayflower Lane
Provincetown, MA 02657**

**Thursday
May 27, 2010
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Peter Grosso, Shannon Patrick, and Lory Stewart.

Members Absent: Kerry Adams and Carrie Notaro

Staff: Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent
Kim Pike, District Principal

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

AGENDA

Minutes: Nov. 3rd, '09 and April 13th and April 27th, '10

Reorganization of School Committee

Motion: Move to postpone both the minutes and the reorganization of the school committee.

Motion: Peter Grosso **Seconded:** Shannon Patrick **Vote:** 3-0-0

Public Comments

There were none.

PSC Student Rep Comments

No students were in attendance.

Superintendent's Update:

- **Clarification on Awards Banquet Date**

There will be two award ceremonies; the junior awards will be held on June 9th and the grades 7 through 11 awards will be held on June 17th and will be followed by a reception.

- **Negotiations with Nauset Regional Schools**

The package holding the details (so far in the negotiations) was handed out during the meeting. Dr. Singer said that negotiations with Nauset are in process. What she handed out was a draft agreement containing 7 pages which was e-mailed to her from Nauset. Nauset has an agreement with Truro which sends grades 7 thru 12. Because Provincetown will be tuitioning students in the 9th grade only – it makes more sense for our tuition to be based on next years' spending for the high school only.

So unlike Truro, Provincetown's tuition rate will be based on net school spending at NRHS divided by the number of high school students. The Nauset School Committee is meeting on June 3rd to discuss our application. Thus far, they haven't asked Beth to attend. One concern is the members of the Nauset School Committee may want Provincetown to be spending the same rate per pupil as the region pays. She can understand Nauset feeling this way but since we don't have a voice it isn't equitable. We'll continue to negotiate. Our tuition rate could be \$11,442 if it includes an adjustment there will be between \$11K to \$12K per pupil tuitioned. We have 10, 11, and 12 grades to offer so any other student attending Nauset is via choice. That is where we are and it would be good to come to closure by the end of the week.

Beth asked if the PSC had any advice for her. Peter asked if the caveats would be negotiated? Beth doesn't know, so Peter Grosso said - then how can we vote? Beth said you are voting to enter into the tuition agreement. The money will need to be found in the existing budget.

- **End of year event calendar**

This schedule listed May thru June events. The 8th grade will come and make a presentation on their Washington trip and they will have a full report for the PSC. They were all 8th graders.

Money Transfer

In order to meet payroll we have to move money into line items that pay these salaries, i.e., the District Principal's salary.

Motion: Move to transfer the money into the line item for salaries.

Move: Peter Grosso Seconded: Shannon Patrick Vote: 3-0-0.

Shannon asked about Class Day. – Answer: It will be held on June 9th.

Motion: Move to accept the “End of Year Events” Calendar.

Motion: Peter Grosso Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0.

Motion: Move to nominate Peter Grosso as Chair of the PSC.

Motion: Shannon Patrick Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: Move to nominate Shannon Patrick as Vice Chair of the PSC.

Motion: Peter Grosso Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0.

Motion: Move to table minutes until the next PSC meeting.

Motion: Shannon Patrick Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0.

Unfinished Business:

IB Presentation

There have been several after school meetings to discuss the International Baccalaureate. Kim Pike said that she had met with parents to let them know what the IB program was all about and people left in a very positive mood. It’s been put on the website. Kim and a group of teachers left on a junket and visited Brockton to see their 6th thru 8th grade IB program. Kim said that they felt that it’s a great program. Brockton is in its 1st yr of IB authorization and their middle school coordinator is actually a trainer for this program. Kim said that we’re going to visit Springfield in the fall and she’s sure that they will be very well received. Kim will be having an informational meeting with families and wants to discuss primary programs for IB. Her group is all set for the New Jersey program which will include 11 educators; it’s definitely a team building happening.

Condom Availability Policy Draft

This will be the first reading of the policy. The concept is that specific people will have them available and will provide information and counseling to students seeking them.

Peter said that he has seen vending machines at 4Cs (college age attendees) and Cape Cod Tech (high school).

Peter had a lot of questions, i.e., - does the person handing them out have the “Aye” or “Nay” responsibility?, etc. Beth said that she would hope that if you’re ready to have sex then you’re ready to have a conversation and that it shouldn’t deter students.

New Business:

Elections: PSC Sub-Committees

Beth wanted to talk about it because there are many committees and she doesn't know what all of them are about. There were nine listed and they were discussed individually. Some of them were best thought to be more liaison positions rather than sub-committees. Several of them were eliminated, i.e., Truro Tuition Sub Committee, Early childhood Educator Sub-committee, and Cape Campus Study Committee. This discussion will be revisited when the list is finalized. One definite change was in the Sick Leave Bank Sub-committee; it was thought that the committee should be comprised of three – Superintendent, PAE representative, and PSC member. Beth said that she eventually would like to include all employees in the bank.

Cape Cod Collaborative – Beth and Kim attend meetings every month. Beth also meets with the PAE board monthly. There are no votes - just conversation about issues and they are very productive.

Beth also said that you need a subcommittee that evaluates the superintendent. She said that this year we have evaluated every teacher that does not have professional status and half of those who do. Typically Superintendents set goals in the fall and that would be the basis; there are state-wide standards.

Lory wondered if it wouldn't make more sense if the goals were set when the evaluation process is entered into. Beth explained why the goals and evaluations are different. Peter said that unfortunately none of this ever got done.

Expanding Pre-School Discussion

Beth said that (with PSC's blessing) we'd like to enroll children from 15 months of age – 33 months of age – we'd have to hire 2 staff members and we'd like to start in July with a summer program. Our goal would be to expand that to have an infant program in the future. The toddler program would have their own space and we'd move one classroom to accommodate them. The ages would be 15 mos. to 2.9 yrs. – 1 lead teacher and/or 1 teacher's aide. We already have an application from someone who is going to be an early childhood educator and we already have 4 parents who are looking for this service. One of our goals is to support families with children. The summer hours would be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Motion: Move to go ahead with the aforementioned program.

Motion: Shannon Patrick Seconded: Peter Grosso Vote: 3-0-0.

Sick Leave Bank Negotiations

This subject has been covered.

Proposed Evaluation Tool: Office Staff

Attachment C was a form to be used for the proposed evaluations. After reading it Lory suggested that a #1 (unsatisfactory) or a #5 (outstanding) should require an explanation. Since this is a 1st reading, it was left for the next meeting.

Student Trip to Savoy State Forest – John Hanlon

The trip is tentatively scheduled for June 6 thru 8. Since a critical mass of 8 students is needed – the trip may not be able to happen.

Motion: Move to accept the Hanlon trip plan.

Motion: Shannon Patrick Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0.

Bid Awards FY-11

- #2 Fuel Oil
- Milk
- Ice Cream

Motion: Move to accept all the above bids for FY 11.

Motion: Shannon Patrick Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0.

PSC Comments

There were none.

Adjournment of public PSC meeting happened at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

Discussion with regard to Non-Union Contracts

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on July 12, 2010

Peter Grosso, Chairperson