



Provincetown School Committee Meeting

**PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL
ELMER I. SILVA LEARNING CENTER
12 Winslow Street
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

**Tuesday
October 18, 2011
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Cass Benson, Jamie Kryszkiewicz,
Shannon Patrick, and Lory Stewart.

Staff: Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent
Kim Pike, District Principal
Beth Francis and Nancy Flasher

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

AGENDA

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes: October 4, 2011

Motion: Move to approve as amended.

Motion: Jamie Kryszkiewicz Seconded: Lory Stewart

Vote: 3-0-2 ab (KA & SP)

Presentation: IB-Beth Francis/Nancy Flasher

Both IB teachers made presentations about the IB Programs. Students will be learning an additional language, Spanish.

The middle years' program is 5th thru 8th. IB has made adjustments for our small groups. The children will all work collaboratively on different

projects, i.e. cultures and eventually they'll get to know all about the world at large.

Kerry asked, "Please just sum up exactly what is international education."

Beth Francis said that she teaches everything we do has a ripple effect. Single actions have implications on what is happening all around the world.

Nancy Flasher said that teachers are collaborating on themes. Students are learning in an interdisciplinary way.

Dr. Singer said that the goal is so that children will respect other cultures. And even though they are different – they can be "right".

Another question was "Are your scores impacted?" Beth S. said that you can go online and see how the assessments are made, so there will be models to look at.

Beth F. said that students are learning about the IB Learner Profile .There are ten attributes including learning to be caring, knowledgeable, principled etc. There are visuals in the hall and we're choosing one attribute a month to focus on. So when we talk about being a communicator –for example, that is boiling down that word to a level that the students can understand and respond to that attribute. All information is being shared with families.

Jamie K. said she's happy that it's sent home; this is important.

Beth continued by saying it's very important that we build a culture. Students are communicating with one another. This is school-wide and all students are hearing that same language.

Nancy said that it's not just the teachers – it's for everyone – kitchen staff, paraprofessionals, custodians, etc.

Beth S. said that we are working through the guidelines for having professional development completed. It's part of the process for ongoing IB. They have just posted their offerings for the year and she'll look through the list.

Nancy and Beth have regular meetings to coordinate the primary years' program and the middle school program.

Superintendent's Update:

▪ **CIP Update**

This morning Beth S. met with Tom Coen, FinCom Chair, David Gardner, Asst Town Mgr., Dan Hoort, Finance Director, and Sharon Lynn, Town Mgr. The meeting was long and informative. The group suggested first year of C.I. plan of fencing for the entire area, a new playground next to the parking lot (the existing playground will stay in place since it's too expensive to move the 10 yr old equipment), a new catch basin and probably the pointing and sealing of the high school.

Year two would deal with irrigation.

Years three and four would focus on the heating system.

Beth thinks that timing is important and we will take "year one" to the Town Meeting in April 2012.

Regarding the playground – The cost of moving it is costly and it was thought to be more practical to buy new equipment that really fits.

Kerry asked – any grants for environmental equipment? Beth has explored accessing MSBA funding for heating replacement which would require the PSC and Town Mgr's approval. Brian Carlson will be coming in November to talk with the PSC regarding the FEMA grant.

Kerry asked – what do we spend on electricity? Beth did not have the amount in her head

Beth is gathering information on heating and repairing of what we have. An engineer's study would cost a few thousand.

Also this year we'll put in the catch basin. The Town has storm drainage money which will be used.

The proposed budget schedule meetings will occur on:

December 13	#1 Budget Presentation to PSC
December 20	#2 Budget Presentation to PSC

January 17
January 24

Public Hearing
Budget Adoption

Future Meeting Dates

PSC will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. A second meeting will be determined monthly.

▪ Adult Education

Beth is working on it and is trying to find a coordinator. The last person was a great coordinator and Beth has a call in to her.

Lory wanted to know if this would be an advertised position because she has two people in mind who may be interested.

Unfinished Business:

Computer Loan Agreement-2nd reading

Shannon asked - if the kid brings it home – after homework – can they just play games? Ans: there are controls.

Kim said that there are blocks in them but she is not sure just what they are.

Beth said that the uses involve parental involvement.

Kerry said that you have to put the onus on the parents. If you have access to the internet – the parents have to have the responsibility.

Motion: Move to accept the Computer Loan Agreement.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 5-0-0

Acceptable Use Guidelines-2nd reading

A bullet was removed about coaches on the 2nd page since it didn't apply.

Motion: Move to accept the guidelines as written.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 5-0-0

District Goals-2nd reading

E. was adjusted to include diversity which was requested by Jamie K.

Lory asked, "How are you going to ascertain how and when a goal is met?"

Beth responded – in the school plan – when these are taken to a more specific level and will include measurable outcomes

Lory asked - will we see those? Ans: yes

Motion: Move to accept the District Goals as written.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Cass Benson Vote: 5-0-0

Policy Manual Proposal-vote

Beth called other schools regarding the Mass. Assoc. of School Committees, Inc. and got positive feedback from others who have used this service. The cost is \$10,500 and will be over a 2 year period.

Lory volunteered to be the contact liaison person representing the PSC.

Beth said that in her meeting with Dan Hoort and the others, she said that the Town is developing financial policies, so the timing is good.

Motion: Move to accept the proposal from MASC as written.

The motion was made, seconded, and approved by all with a vote of 5-0-0.

School Committee training

The joint MASC/MASS meeting in November offers training sessions. The conference takes place on November 10, 11, & 12.

New Business:

Technology Brochure & Handbook

The brochure and handbook addresses all the different stakeholders and how they may be involved if you have a student mac book. The value of each macbook is \$1,000.00.

Kerry wondered who signs. – Answer: both parents and child.

Beth also said that we do allow downloading for educational use.

New Business

There is an **overnight field trip** planned for our 15 high school students. The trip will be curriculum based and college looking. It will take place in November and they will see Romeo & Juliet, then a college visit to Boston College, stay overnight in Bridgewater and then go to Plymouth Plantation and Bridgewater State University; all this is part of the English language curriculum. They'll be taking the white bus and one of the teachers will be driving it.

Motion: Move to accept the overnight field trip for the high school students.

Motion: Kerry Adams

Seconded: Lory Stewart

Vote: 5-0-0

PSC Comments

Shannon said that the 6th grade used to do a big trip. Kim said that we talked about it and decided to do a couple of local trips instead.

Beth said that our ultimate goal is an international trip. It's a way to practice our second language.

Lory Stewart said that Nauset is looking at a major renovation project for their high school and going back to last year, we were taxed for this on our tuition. What do you think the ramifications are going to be for Provincetown? Is this going to be a one-time cost or go on for 20 years – or what. She's just bringing it up and we need to be realistic – be pro-active and go to Dr. Hoffman now. Lory's mind has a lot of questions.....she's a realist.

Beth said that it's a rock and a hard place. Our students will benefit but the towns that are in that union get to vote on it and we don't. Those are things to ponder and Beth has e-mailed Dr. Hoffman last week.

Cass Benson fretted that there was only one bus back from Nauset at 3:p.m. She thinks this is not acceptable. She's concerned about it for children who want to play sports.

Shannon said that she had to drive there to pick up her son.

Kerry – can we have the cost for another pickup at 5:00?

Beth said that we pay \$20/hr for a bus driver. Beth thinks a late bus might be better for our students.

PAAM

Our middle years program is having an opening at PAAM on October 28th and their art will be on display for the month of November. It is an accumulation of assemblages and shadow boxes. It is hoped that it will be visited by all.

Adjournment happened at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on November 8, 2011

Shannon Patrick, Chair