



Provincetown School Committee Meeting

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

**Tuesday
September 11, 2012
5:15 p.m.**

**Members Present: Jamie Kryszkiewicz, Shannon Patrick,
and Lory Stewart.**

Members Absent: Kerry Adams and Cass Benson

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

AGENDA

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes: August 14, 2012

Motion: Move to accept the minutes of the August 14th meeting as amended.

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

Superintendent's Update:

▪ Introduction of New Staff

This was briefly put on hold until all members of the new staff arrived.
When introduced they were:

Michelle Carrera – 2nd grade teacher from Mexico, fluent in Spanish, who had previously taught in Holyoke and Amherst.

Jessica Ceraldi – science – taught environmental sciences in NYC.

Brendan Dillon – math teacher – taught @ elementary and middle school in Pittsfield.

Amy Dinger – Wee Care assistant teacher – has been a Nanny.

Nancy Gross – Wee Care lead teacher – used to teach music in Town.

Carrie Lavender-Hernandez – new Spanish teacher.

Darlyn McCormick – speech & language pathologist – from California

Scott Nagel – new technology integration specialist

The Middle Years Program now has three new teachers. This will unfortunately delay our IB MYP application. The new teachers have to be trained and prepared to work the IB way. The application for the Middle Year Program candidacy will be in October 2013 so it means a one year delay in the application. The PYP application will be submitted this year- October 1st.

▪ **School Opening**

The school opened with two days for staff only – Lisa Colley, Beth Francis, Beth Singer and Kim Pike trained teachers in the new State Educator Evaluation system. Our school population is at 98 students in preK through grade 8 with an additional 9 seniors; thus 107 is the unofficial count.

There are also 16 infants & toddlers engaged in Wee Care. Kim has done a remarkable job of scheduling. Scheduling small schools is different. It's compounded by having many age groups to accommodate.

▪ **PHS Exterior**

Just yesterday a request was submitted to the Mass. Preservation Projects Fund for emergency funds for help in funding the repairs to the exterior of the building. Beth will also be asking for help from the Community Preservation Commission funds since we are an historic site. Beth added that we have arranged for protective sidewalk coverage until the repairs happen.

▪ **VMCC Heat**

Next week Dr. Singer will be meeting with 2 members of the FinCom regarding the public schools.

On Thursday the town opened bids for the heating system for the VMCC. We hope we will have bids submitted for the work soon and that the winter will take its time arriving.

▪ **Educator Evaluation Negotiations**

Kim Pike and Beth Singer began negotiations with the PAE executive team over the summer season. We have to renegotiate the article but we are 95% of the way through this process. We have not looked at the rubric or accompanying forms together yet. Across the state - 50% of the school districts have settled so we're hopeful that we'll finish the process by the next meeting. The PSC will be notified so some of you can join the negotiations if you wish to.

▪ **Nauset Tuition Agreement**

It's \$10 less than we anticipated per student. We have 23 students currently at Nauset. We anticipated 4 more students moving into town but that didn't happen. There is therefore more money in this line than needed for tuition. Whenever Monomoy settles - we'll attempt tuition negotiations with them.

Discussion:

Shannon worried that if teachers don't stay – then the IB program for MYP will have to be put on hold again. Her concern is – should that happen – then we'll have to wait yet another year.

Lory wondered if we will be using the money that was allotted by town meeting for the covered walkway – she'd also like to know what a late bus would cost. Beth will come back with information on a late bus.

Jamie said that the new teachers have come on knowing what the future is. They know that this is the last high school class.

Unfinished Business:

Policy Manual Sections A&B-2nd reading

These sections are focused on the school committee and the Superintendent's office.

Motion: Move to accept the policy manual sections A&B in form as presented.

Motion: Lory Stewart Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz Vote: 3-0-0

New Business:

Policy Manual Sections C&D-1st reading

Lory and Beth are making progress on this & will return with 2 more sections in October.

Bicycle Committee's Recommendation

Candace Nagel made a presentation about how the Bicycle Committee is making plans to extend bicycle/pedestrian lanes on Bradford Street. They will be attempting to remove some parking places on Bradford Street and the argument is that it will be safer for both pedestrians and bicyclists; the final argument is that it will mean more money in the Town's coffers for paid parking which will be necessitated by the removal of the parking spaces on Bradford.

She had a petition and 284 people have signed it. Candace has also met with Jeff Jaran and he wholeheartedly supports her efforts.

Jamie K's enthusiasm was rather lukewarm since she feels – like most of the residents – that bicyclists are not respectable to pedestrians. Also, adding to the town's motto "Provincetown like nowhere else" allows two way bike travel on a one way street which has a plethora of pedestrians – some of whom have been injured by the bicycles.

Shannon asked - re: logistics – on some parts of Bradford Street there are some sidewalks. So would those sidewalks still exist or will they be taken out? There has been nothing definite planned.

Ms. Nagel said that every one is on board and they will have a parking meeting soon about curb cuts, etc.

Motion: Move to have the PSC sign the letter supporting bicycle/pedestrian lanes on Bradford Street.

Motion: Jamie Kryszkiewicz Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

Wee Care Lead Teacher Job Description-1st reading

Beth pointed out that this was the 1st reading and there are responsibilities – particularly those on the 2nd page, that are not yet expected of the lead teacher.

One of the PSC asked about the educational requirements for the position. Also the CORI should not be part of the qualifications.

Lory wondered if the position requires certification in early education. Kim said it would be a good thing to have but it isn't necessary.

Superintendent's Goals for 2012-2013

Dr. Singer's goals were handed out to all. It cited all her goals as well as the benchmarks. She plans on keeping the students' achievements at the top of the list. She also committed to attending the many different meetings and effectively communicating with the community.

Overnight College Trip Request

The guidance counselor and Mary Ann Campagna plan a trip later on – with the seniors – to explore college opportunities. It was a very vague request – they are in the process in working with the seniors to select the colleges. They're pretty sure that they'll be going to Vermont and/or New Hampshire.

Motion: Move to support the overnight college trip request with the proviso that more information will be furnished as the trip nears.

Motion: Jackie Kryszkiewicz Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

PSC Comments

Shannon Patrick said that the course on the history of Provincetown sounds so interesting that she'd like to take it. There is a long term resident of town who would like to give a walking tour.

Beth Singer said that she also has a committee working on celebrating Provincetown High School and she is looking at an alumni reunion and prom. So she hopes to make this last graduation memorable and pursue ways to honor alumni. There are lots of different ideas being pursued as well as community interest.

Beth said there is a Facebook page devoted to Provincetown High School Alumni. We're trying to be as public as we can.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Motion: Jackie Kryszkiewicz Seconded: Lory Stewart Vote: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on October 2, 2012

