



## **Provincetown School Committee Meeting**

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

**Tuesday  
October 2, 2012  
5:15 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams, Cass Benson,  
Jamie Kryszkiewicz,  
Shannon Patrick (arr 5:25 p),  
and Lory Stewart.

**Members Absent:** none

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

### **AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order by Cass Benson at 5:17 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

There were none.

### **Superintendent's Update:**

#### **▪ CPC Application**

Dr. Singer is planning to attend the Historic District Commission (HDC) meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and she has been collecting letters of support. They have also found the 1884 deed for acquiring the land. This grant requests \$400K and they have not heard back from the Mass Preservation for emergency funds.

Lory said that a portion of these funds might be received later on.

- **Tennessee Williams**

The T.W. Theater productions were here last week and presented 2 plays. *The Glass Menagerie* and *I Never Get Dressed Before Dark on Sundays*. Out auditorium was in use for 2 plays and 7 performances were given over 4 days in September. The School looks forward to sharing their facility with any other community organizations in town; the auditorium seats approximately 400.

(Shannon arrived at this point in the meeting at 5:25 p.m. so the minutes were read.)

**Minutes: September 11, 2012**

**Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended.**

**Motion: Shannon Patrick      Seconded: Lory Stewart**

**Vote: 3-0-2 ab (KA & CB)**

- **10 Days That Shook the World**

This is yet another of Jay Critchley's happenings. It celebrates memories during the tearing down of the Herring Cove bathhouse. Jamie thinks it's fascinating!!! Provincetown students participated as artists and audience members.

- **Scaffolding**

Our walkways are now protected from falling debris by scaffolds. They are rented through May; the money for that came from the money allocated by the town meeting.

- **Open House**

It was a very successful happening this year. Names of the new teachers and their faces were matched while all enjoyed a pizza party. Jamie said that it was wonderful to meet with the new teachers and finally to put a face on the names.

- **IB Submission**

Kim Pike and Beth Francis have submitted all the necessary data for Primary Years Program in a very tight time frame to apply for the IB validation. The IB evaluators will visit us in the spring in order to assess how we've done and are doing.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Policy Manual Sections C&D-2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Motion: Move to accept sections C&D in form.**

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

**Senior College Field Trip-Specifics**

The PSC requested specifics at the last meeting based on the proposed Seniors' College Field Trip. The trip will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be visiting Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Holy Cross, and UMass Lowell - then on to Salem State University and Southern New Hampshire University. These are specific to student interest in applying for admission. Not all seniors want to participate. Their guidance counselor and Mary Ann Campagna will be accompanying them.

**Dune Shack Overnight Field Trips**

There are yet more overnight trips planned to the Dune Shacks. They will take place on October 2, 3, 4 & 9. The supervision will be 2 teachers for each small group of 3 or 4 students.

**Motion: Move to accept both field trips as presented.**

**Motion: Kerry Adams                      Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz                      Vote: 5-0-0**

**Wee Care Lead Teacher Job Description-2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Beth said that the rewrite includes the changes raised at a previous meeting.

**Motion: Move to accept the Wee Care Lead Teacher Job Description.**

**Motion: Lory Stewart                      Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz                      Vote: 5-0-0**

**New Business:**

**Needs Assessment-Cost of Late Bus**

Nauset provides a 4:00 p.m. bus through First Student on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so that kids can stay after for help. One bus comes north as far as Durras in Truro. If we were to take advantage of this - there would be no cost to us. Nauset doesn't accommodate athletes i.e., wrestling goes to 6:30p and other sports get out at 5:00p so it makes it difficult to accommodate all.

The cost to Provincetown would be \$50/day which comes to about \$5,500 a year. The other option would be for us to have a bus to go to Durras to pick up the kids. We'd have the cost of a driver, wear & tear on a bus, etc. There was a survey of students who ride the bus. 54% of students responded: the questions were: if late bus – would you ride it - it was inconclusive – next,

do you think it's a good idea even if it's not useful for you? – next – what activities are you involved after school? Maybe the survey response means that 46% of the students are not interested.

Cass Benson doesn't like kids traveling on public transportation. Lory said that most teachers provide only 1 hour after school for additional help.

Beth asked “what activities do you participate in” – nobody said clubs. We don't have \$5,500 in our budget for this.

Lory said this opportunity should be offered to kids. It's something that we really need to provide for our families. There are a lot of people who don't have cars.

Beth said that she can come back with the exact cost and a source for the money.

**Motion: Move to have Beth come back with the exact cost.**

**Motion: Cass Benson    Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz    Vote: 5-0-0**

### **PHS Exterior Renovation Plan**

Beth said that there has been a good deal of conversation around town about the cost. The cost is 1½ million dollars. Last April we received \$450,000., \$384,000. remains to be applied toward that total. Should we be doing it in stages or should we ask for the total amount at one time – Beth said if you can come to a consensus – it would be helpful.

Kerry said that he had had a long talk with Austin Knight and Austin felt that it would be the right thing to do – ask for the full amount – whether we use it now or in the future. Austin thinks if it is delayed it would compete with the new police station.

Lory went to the meeting with Almeda and Mr. Almeda suggested we could save money by not putting the scaffolding up and then taking the scaffolding down more than once. Leaving it in place would be one of the ways to save money.

Beth said that if we do a new roof we would then be eligible for solar panels.

Shannon said that there is a lot of money out there for schools.

Lory said – so we would be requesting 1.1 million?

**Motion: Move to request the full funding of the project up to 1.1 million dollars with the amount to be reduced by whatever funds we receive from grant applications.**

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

### **Bids for Playground**

Beth announced that we have received only one bid. We promised the town that we wouldn't interrupt the parking season – so the next step for us is to grant the bid. The work should be going on the end of October and early November.

Lory asked if for any reason it might be delayed by cold weather? Ans: No.

**Motion: Move to accept the playground bid for \$17,630.**

**Motion: Jamie Kryszkiewicz      Seconded: Lory Stewart                      Vote: 5-0-0**

### **Transfer of Funds**

A line item transfer was requested in the amount of \$6,653. to rectify personnel changes.

**Motion: Move to accept the line item transfer in the amount of \$6,653.**

**Motion: Kerry Adams      Seconded: Jamie Kryszkiewicz                      Vote: 5-0-0**

### **FY14 Budget Timeline Proposal**

Kindly **mark your calendars** for the following meetings. They are all on **Tuesdays with a start time of 5:30 p.m.**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will also invite the FinCom to come to the meetings.

### **Enrollment Data**

October 1<sup>st</sup> is the official date for enrollment. We are still very small but our enrollment data shows 98 students in PK-8 plus 9 H.S. seniors plus 12 Wee Care children. Grand total of 119. This is an increase of 9 children with 1 less H.S. class - almost a 10% increase.

We have heard that there are 16 children in the new housing. Some are babies so, naturally they can't be counted in any prospective census.

Lory asked if we got anyone back who had chosen to go elsewhere. Ans: no

Kim said that there's been a lot of interest in the IB so she's planning an open house to showcase it. Kim is also thinking about doing a presentation at the Truro library.

### **MSBA**

Beth had written to them as soon as the decision was made to move into the high school so that we could ask where we stood with our existing grant from the 2002 renovation of VMES.

Beth wrote two letters and called twice. She kept asking for something in writing from the MSBA; she finally wrote to the new person that we're talking with about current needs and she got an immediate response. She received an e-mail with a list of questions and she consulted with Sharon Lynn on some of them as we share the building.

Beth is anxious for their written response and worries if there is any chance of them wanting the money back. The amount was 1.5 M originally. They would be the same people that we would try to get a grant from for heat. An application can't be submitted until January.

Beth wants a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m. to ratify Article XXI of the cba and finish other business.

**Motion: Move to have the PSC comments before the Executive Session. Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.**

### **PSC Comments**

Lory asked - where do we stand with the VMCC heat? Ans: The bid has been awarded and they will do the school section of the building first. Although they would like the building vacated, we are very resistant to that. We usually turn the heat on some time in November. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

Beth said she'd like them to be done by November.

Cass wants to thank the lunch ladies for changing the diets to more healthy presentations.

Beth said the whole grain pizza is delicious and the whole change is a gradual process.

Shannon asked – what’s in the boxes in the library? – Kim said that it’s just books that are being stored and reorganized.

Kerry asked – what is the status of adult education this year? Beth’s office is heading it and her secretary Laura Grandel will be spearheading it and it’s scheduled to start in January 2013. If anyone has any ideas on courses – or whatever – send them to Laura.

Shannon asked - why run it from the Superintendent’s office? Beth said it’s for something to be permanent and save money.

**Motion: Move to enter into Executive Session and not return to the regular School Committee meeting.**

**The motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.**

**Adjournment happened at 6:45 p.m.**

**Executive Session:**

Superintendent Dr. Beth Singer’s Contract; votes may be taken

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on October 16, 2012

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