



Provincetown School Committee Meeting

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

**Tuesday
May 8, 2012
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

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

AGENDA

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes: April 23, 2012

Motion: Move that the minutes of the April 23rd meeting be approved as written.

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

Trip to China

Kim Pike, District Principal, thanked both Dr. Singer and the PSC for giving her the opportunity for a two-week trip to China to visit other school systems in that nation. She had an assembly last Thursday during which she shared some experiences with students. The visiting principal who is going to come here has a school for grades 7 thru 12. Everywhere Kim went she received

presents. The gift to our school was a picture of 2 pandas made from little pieces of thread. When he comes over we will give him gifts, too.

Shannon Patrick asked if Kim went to an IB school? Ans: No, but there are IB schools in China.

Kim said that was a school of 1700 students. She saw physical education happening in every school. For example, you have all the kids out on a track doing calisthenics and running and she thinks it's something exciting to think about incorporating here.

Beth spoke in detail about the eye massages for every student. It was fascinating to see the uniform practice of these things. We've talked about doing something similar, here.

Superintendent's Update:

▪ PYP consultant visit

On Monday and Tuesday of next week our PYP consultant, Missy Powell-Rydell from IB will visit and there's a luncheon planned and on Monday afternoon there is a welcome reception for the coordinator at the Harbor Lounge— at 4:00 p.m. Kim will make sure that the invitations will be sent out to all members of the PSC.

Jamie Kryszkiewicz was impressed with the 6th & 7th graders by what they're doing and what they're thinking. Nancy Flasher received a grant for \$5,000 so that the children could study local issues. Kerry Adams was down in front of Adams and he saw the chalk on the street. The whole happening was "hands on learning" which stays with everyone.

▪ CPR mid cycle visit

Two members of the Program Quality Assurance Department of the DESE were here today and yesterday for the Mid Cycle review of Special Education. Jamie met with them this morning, as the PAC representative, and they were very thorough. They typically meet with a PSC member and Beth. Beth received good feedback and a few suggestions that will be put in place. They will return in 3 years for a complete CPR.

Jamie said that she would like to see more people attending the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings.

▪ **Thank you Provincetown**

Beth Singer wanted to thank the citizens of Provincetown for voting last week to fund our Capital Improvement. We have been getting quotes for analysis of the project, as we don't need to go to bid for this piece. We are waiting for 2 more to come in, but will move forward as soon as possible.

Unfinished Business:

Policy manual process

Lory Stewart and Beth Singer met with James Hardy of the MASC last week and they set up dates through September. The process for completing this project is simple. We will work on 2 sections a month, generally. MASC gives us a model policy plus our policy to work with. We make a Provincetown "draft" and give it back. Jim prints the changes, brings them back to us and we bring it to the PSC, 2 sections at a time. As the PSC is reviewing the 2 sections, we are working on the next two sections.

Lory commented that it's a nice clean process and it really seems doable. There's a model policy and then there's our policy and it's up to us to find the middle ground of what pertains to our school system and what doesn't.

Reorganization of School Committee.

Usually around the first of May there is a reorganization of the School Committee. Beth said that we can do that process under new business – or we can do it at the next meeting.

After a bit of discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to reorganize the board at the May 29th meeting to allow any interested parties to weigh in.

Motion: Jamie Kryzkiewicz Seconded: Cass Benson Vote: 5-0-0

New Business:

Bids- vote

On Monday, May 1st, the following bids were opened:

#2 fuel oil – only one rec'd – Cape Cod Oil Co.

Ice Cream – only one rec'd – Garelick Farms

Milk – only one rec'd – Garelick Farms

3-yr lease – 47 passenger school bus - \$16,243.07/yr for 3 yrs.

Bread – there were no bids.

Discussion: Lory wanted to know why we needed a 47 passenger bus? Ans: that was the smallest available for lease. Lory then asked if we were obliged to pay to transport “Choice” students? That question wasn’t clearly answered.

At any rate, the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to accept the bids as presented.

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

Progress on District Goals

Kim and Beth put together a perspective on progress that’s been made on the District Goals in the first year of its 3 year duration. It was done in a bulleted fashion, listing things that have been put into place to reach the goal. The PSC will be using this information as part of the Evaluation of the Superintendent in lieu of the SMART Goals in the new guideline.

The PSC was asked to look it over and then - if you have any questions - we’ll hear them and try to answer them.

Jamie said that she loves Melanie Braverman’s approach.

Kim said that one of the teachers said that she loves going into a consult with Melanie; it is valuable.

Beth was in K today and they’re learning Spanish.

Seniors Shout Out

We’ve been invited by channel 5 to be on a show “Seniors Shout Out” Stay tuned for time and date.

Educator Evaluation

Beth filled in the rubric for practice and achievement as a self evaluation. This was in order to aid the PSC in filling out her evaluation. She said that one of the biggest problems in evaluating anyone is that PROFICIENT needs no explanation but if an educator is evaluated as EXEMPLARY or DEFICIENT – then it requires the reasons why. Either end of the spectrum – in other words – necessitates a reason.

There was a question raised from Jamie about – why today’s children seem to be doing so poorly in math with an increase in dyscalculia. Beth said that

her generation learned by rote, i.e., $8 \times 8 = 64$ with no thinking involved. Today's teaching wants reasoning to enter into the learning and that may be why some of today's students do so poorly in math.....also the expectations are different.

A lot was said by Beth on the hows and whys of using the rubric as a tool. This will be useful to the PSC who will be evaluating Beth.

Each member of the PSC will do their own evaluation of the Superintendent and then the Chair will compile the data and come up with a single evaluation for Beth.

If the overall rating is different than proficient.....you will need an explanation.

Lory asked what CAP meetings meant. Answer: Curriculum Accommodations Plan.

Beth said that it might be a good idea to set a date for closure on this. That will help get it done.

Jamie would rather do this sooner than later.

It was then decided that the individual evaluations by the PSC must be done by the 29th of May meeting and then the Chair will have an opportunity to compile the data for presentation at the Tuesday, June 12th meeting. The only thing that has to be presented at the meeting is the summation.

The next 3 items on the agenda were on agenda for the February meeting which was cancelled and the following meeting was shortened to accommodate members schedules so anyway we need to ratify these selected bargaining pieces that we didn't finish.

The forms that need to be agreed upon are:
Employee Improvement Plan
Job Description – District Receptionist
Job Description – District Principal's Admin. Ass't
Job Description – Special Education Secretary
Evaluation of Admin Ass't/ Secretarian Personnel

Motion: Move to waive the 2nd reading and approve the above mentioned forms, i.e., attachment C, D, & E, & appendix B:

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

PSC Comments

Cass is really excited about the Junior Prom. The eight girls will be arriving at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night.

Adjournment happened at 6:25 p.m.

Executive Session:

Possible litigation

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on May 29, 2012

Shannon Patrick, Chair