

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of September 23, 2004 Meeting held at Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Burt Wolfman (Secretary), Molly Perdue (@ 4:43PM) and Debra Trovato.

Others Present: Dr. Colette Traylor (Superintendent), Anthony Teso (VMES Principal) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

No public comments were heard.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of September 7, 2004 as printed; seconded by Burt Wolfman; so voted 4-0.

A presentation by Chris Hamilton and Bert Rogers regarding the Ocean Classroom and the Center for Coastal Studies was given to the Committee. In addition to a mission statement, sample itineraries were also given for their perusal.

Peter Grosso made the motion to move from **New Business #6.2**; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 5-0.

6.2 Peter Grosso made the motion to approve two **overnight visits**: one to Monomoy Island 10/1-10/2/04 and the other to Acadia National Park 10/16-10/20/04 requested by John Hanlon; seconded by Molly Perdue; so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONL UPDATE:

- Dr. Traylor gave the Committee an update on the **SBA Funding meeting with Senator O'Leary**. The School Building Assistance Reform would pay back the district in 2006 in one lump sum. Dr. Traylor will keep the Committee updated.
- Dr. Traylor informed the Committee that an **FY-05 Foundation Reserve Application** was submitted under Category 5, Relief for Municipalities with High Property Values in Comparison to Income.
- Mr. Teso gave an overview of preparations being made for **VMES NEASC visit**. The onsite visitation will be from 10/17-10/20/04. A schedule was given for the Committee's perusal. The Committee commended Mr. Teso and the VMES Accreditation Committee for all its effort and a job well done.
- The **joint meeting with the Truro School Committee** is to be scheduled after the New Year.
- **Budget preparations for FY-06** was discussed at length. The Chair suggested beginning looking at each line item. Peter Grosso does not agree with line by line discussions. He feels the Committee should take home the budget from FY04 and find out which items they would like to discuss. Debra Trovato feels that line items should not run in the negative. Mrs. Betty White, Business Manager, explained that this is to show the Committee where under or over budgeting occurred. The Chair asked that each member of the Committee examine five pages and come back to the Committee with any questions and/or concerns they may have. Dr. Traylor feels that the Committee has always been well informed of the budget process and is welcome to come and discuss it at any time. The budget has been stable and many budget items are fixed amount, including salaries. The FinCom may be invited to an upcoming budget meeting. The next step is to gather input from teachers, which is to be reviewed by the building principals and their school councils. Dr. Traylor recommended the Committee begin by reviewing the FY04 end of year financial statement. The Chair asked that members highlight areas from the FY04 statement for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1 The **FY05 Budget** was discussed under Educational Update-Budget Preparation FY06.

5.2 The **SBA borrowing** was revisited and agreed to put on hold until after the meeting to finalize the State's schedule for reimbursement. Burt Wolfman made the motion to table the previously voted article from the special Town Meeting; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 5-0.

5.3 The **status of the Annex proposal** was discussed when the Ocean Classroom made its presentation. PTV sent a proposal for the Committee to consider. Others will be invited to send in proposals for consideration. PTV will be invited to come in for the next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting.

Dates were set for workshops as follows: 10/5/04 and 10/12/04 at noon. The next regular School Committee meeting was set for October 19, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS;

6.1 A proposed **parking lot expansion** was discussed. Dr. Traylor asked the Committee to consider monies for materials to enlarge the parking spaces, \$2,700, out of Capital Improvements. Peter Grosso made the said motion; seconded by Burt Wolfman; so voted 4-0.

6.2 The **overnight Field Trips** were discussed at the beginning of the meeting as per Committee vote.

The Chair informed the Committee that Crowne Point Inn was granted its All Alcohol Inn Holder License even with much opposition, including that of Saint Peter's Parish. If the State bylaw of within 500 feet was broken, the State may be petitioned to change the ruling. This will be looked into.

The Chair also asked that members make an effort to attend the PHS Awards Banquet on October 6th as she will be unable to.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown School Committee at their meeting on _____, 20_____.

Respectfully Submitted,

School Committee Signature

Title

Sheila M. Colburn, Recording Secretary

Minutes accepted as printed on October 19, 2004.