

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of November 30, 2004 Meeting held at the Annex Building

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

Others Present: Edward Boxer (PHS Principal), Elizabeth Freeman (Student Representative), Betty White (Business Manager) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ken Brock & George Scharr gave the Committee an overview of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra's musical programs that involve students grades 3, 4, & 5. The Musical Education Program includes working in the schools with students composing a symphony and culminates with a Young People's Concert. Each year, Cape area schools are invited to the concert, this year Provincetown is invited. The concert is free of any charge except for transportation to and from the concert. Peter Grosso made the motion to fully endorse this project; Molly Perdue seconded; it was so voted 5-0. Mr. Boxer will talk to Mrs. Linda Weissenberger, vocal music teacher for the district, regarding this program.

MINUTES:

Debra Trovato made the motion to accept the minutes of November 3, 2004 as written; Burt Wolfman seconded; so voted 5-0.

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of November 9, 2004 with typographical corrections; seconded by Debra Trovato; so voted 5-0.

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes on November 16, 2004 as written; seconded by Debra Trovato; so voted 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Val Carrano and Charlotte Fyfe updated the Committee on the **John Arthur Henry Trust**. This trust provides funds to assist eligible Provincetown children. Services that can be provided include the following: emergency medical or dental assistance; child care; transportation to medical/dental appointments; housing.
Ms. Fyfe is housed in the Grace Goveia Building, which contains a resource area for families. Input from the schools is being gathered and anyone with information on a child who may be in need of help is encouraged.
- A representative from **PTV** was present to discuss their proposal for Annex Building space. PTV will begin to video tape some Committee meetings and will be attending the meeting on December 7, 2004. There was a discussion on the PTV programs that would be initiated for the students if the proposal was accepted. A quarterly round table to be broadcast on PTV was discussed as a good beginning. A date in January for the first round table will be forthcoming. Continued discussion of the following took place: security; student educational benefits and remodeling (air conditioning, making studio space). The subcommittee will speak with the Town Manager and report back to PTV.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the first draft of the **FY-06 budget**; Burt Wolfman seconded for discussion. The possible administrative changes were discussed, including a change of location for the administrative offices. The motion to accept was accepted 5-0.

6.2 Debra Trovato made the motion to table the discussion of the **Annex Lease**; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Debra Trovato made the motion to table the first reading of **PSC Policy: Pre-School Admission JFA**; Peter Grosso seconded; so voted 5-0.

The Chair informed the Committee that on December 7, 2004, they will receive the report from UMass with

recommendations.

Mr. Boxer informed the Committee that Nathaniel Bull, Industrial Arts/Technical teacher at PHS, won a grant of \$375.41 for a tool storage cabinet.

Mr. Boxer also invited the Committee to PHS' Recognition Assembly to be held on Friday, 12/3/04 in the auditorium.

The Chair stated that Peter Grosso will represent the Committee at the PHS Gym Dedication Ceremony to be held on 12/4/04 as she is unavailable.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

Burt Wolfman addressed an advertisement in the newspaper requesting home health care for a student living near the Boston area. He said questions were raised as to the whys and wherefores of the advertisement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25PM.

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 December 14, 2004.