



Provincetown Schools



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Dr. Suzanne Scallion
Superintendent

Dr. Timothy Reynolds
Principal

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
12 Winslow Street
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

TIME: 4:30pm

ATTENDING:

Penny Sutter
Ngina Lythcott
Jennifer Rhodes, minutes

Eva Enos, Chair
Adrianna Stefani

Liz Lovati, Vice Chair
Dr. Suzanne Scallion

MINUTES

1. Call To order at 4:38pm
2. Roll call
3. Public Comments - none
 - MOTION: Ngina made a motion to have Eva Enos and Liz Lovati continue on for another year as chair and vice chair
 - SECOND: Penny Sutter seconded
 - VOTE: 5-0-0
4. Review of minutes
 - June 10, 2019
 - MOTION: Liz Lovati made a motion to accept the minutes from June 10, 2019
 - SECOND: Ngina Lythcott seconded
 - VOTE: 3-0-2 (Penny Sutter and Adrianna Stefani abstained)

Warrants: available for committee review are accounts payable warrants SCH19-25, SCH19-26, SCH19-27. The warrants have been approved and signed by the committee's designee, Liz Lovati and the Superintendent as well as the Finance Director at Town Hall.
5. Superintendent's Update:
 - 5.1 Entry plan
 - Dr. Scallion reviewed her plan to develop a comprehensive entry plan and what questions she will ask various constituencies.
 - She explained that the entry plan will be used to develop a strategic plan.
 - 5.2 Summer update
 - Dr. Scallion informed the committee that all hiring has been completed.
 - The school is in the process of being cleaned and prepared for the start of school.
6. Unfinished Business:

Provincetown Schools nondiscrimination policy extends to students, staff, and the general public. It applies to race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, veteran status, disability, genetic information and testing, family and medical leave, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and homeless status.

- 6.1 Building Use Policy
 - A new draft of the Building Use policy was reviewed.
 - Eva Enos informed the committee that she would like to have another meeting to consult with Megan Amorese regarding Fishermen Hall.
 - Minor changes were communicated to the Chair from the committee members
 - Penny Sutter asked whether it was necessary to tie the committee into updates every two chairs. Discussion was had by the committee and decided they would change it to “two years or when necessary”.
 - Penny Sutter asked about #9. Eva Enos indicated that she would bring the issue regarding #9 back to the sub-committee.
 - Liz Lovati asked about the police detail and what kind of communication is had with the police department. Suzanne Scallion informed the committee that she has met with Chief Golden.
 - Penny Sutter asked about #13 and equipment.
 - Penny Sutter asked how something is determined to be fire-proof.
 - Penny Sutter asked about #17 and legal versus illegal substances.
 - Liz Lovati asked about “political gain” referenced in the policy.
 - Eva Enos informed the committee that the policy should be reviewed by legal counsel prior to school committee approval.
 - Eva proposed that in the future this sub-committee be referred to as a working group to aid in scheduling.
 - MOTION: Ngina Lythcott made a motion to name the sub-committee a working group
 - SECOND: Liz Lovati seconded
 - VOTE: 5-0-0
- 6.2 Wee Care Policies - update
 - Dr. Scallion informed the committee that she met with Mr. Miranda and Dr. Reynolds for a lengthy meeting to review and edit the policy document. More edits and revisions are coming and will continue being worked on.
 - Adrianna Stefani mentioned that she believes that substitutes should be addressed in regards to Wee Care.
 - A working group will meet on Wednesday at 4:30pm to continue working on the policies.
- 6.3 Update on meeting regarding inter-district collaboration
 - Eva Enos informed the committee about the meeting that was held with Truro and Nauset. She explained that the conversation was generalized and more meetings will be held in the future.
 - Dr. Scallion, informed the committee that she was apprised of the meeting and conversation from Dr. Singer. She plans on meeting with the Nauset superintendent and has met with the Truro superintendent. She explained that she wants to hear all of the ideas.
 - Liz Lovati informed the committee that it was quite apparent that the other school committee members from Truro and Nauset were impressed with what has been done in Provincetown.

7. New Business:

- 7.1 School safety and security-video cameras
 - Dr. Scallion explained that she would like to have the committee consider installing some inexpensive video cameras.
 - She also explained the idea of using cameras in the off hours and during the summer in the school.
 - Adrianna Stefani explained that she was a proponent of the idea and would like it considered for the VMCC building as well.

- Dr. Scallion informed the committee that she will come back with a plan and suggestions and costs.
- 7.3 School committee training
 - Eva Enos informed the committee that Dorothy Presser will be coming to hold a school committee training on Thursday, July 25th at 4:30pm.
 - Eva Enos informed the committee members that the MASC conference is being held in November in Hyannis. Eva would like to have members attend.
- 7.4 Other
 - Liz Lovati: welcomed Adrianna and Penny to the committee and welcomed Suzanne to Provincetown Schools.
 - Ngina Lythcott: happy to meet new school committee members. Very excited to see our new superintendent in place. Feeling very positive to continue on the quest to make Provincetown Schools one of the best schools on the Cape.
 - Adrianna Stefani: Adrianna couldn't think of a better place to have her children go to school. The teachers are amazing and so invested. Always room for improvement and want to be part of the next steps.
 - Penny Sutter: Really nice to be here.
 - Eva Enos: Thrilled to have people on board who are from the field of education. Likes the committee's ability to divide and conquer. We will all find our strengths and put them to good use.
- 9. Adjourn public meeting
 - MOTION: Eva Enos made a motion to adjourn
 - SECOND: Ngina seconded
 - VOTE: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 5:44pm