

PROVINCETOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
2 MAYFLOWER LANE  
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657

**MINUTES**  
**October 13, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Alex Brown, Barbara Rushmore, and Peter Grosso (arrived at 4:25 p.m.)

**Others Present:**

Christine Lynch, Dept. of Education, Tom Coen, Finance Committee, David Bedard, Board of Selectmen, Sally Rose, Provincetown Banner, Donald Murphy, Strategic Planning Committee

**Discussion:**

Alex Brown asked Christine Lynch to explain tuition based vs. regionalization.

Ms. Lynch stated the town has the responsibility to educate K-12 town children; she said you can go it alone or regionalize.

- ▶ The school committee negotiates this agreement.
- ▶ To Regionalize you need two or more towns and school committees can negotiate the rates. It is a lengthy process. You must look at pros and cons.
- ▶ The only charge of this committee is to study it. This is what will be presented at April Town Meeting.
- ▶ Partial Regionalizing: i.e. High School Classes offered at another school.
- ▶ Transportation issues discussed
- ▶ Need proposal figures

Tom Coen asked if an exit interview was ever done.

Answer: No

24% Education Cost out of Town total budget

Important theme – what is the best education being offered –

And – children come first

There was a round table discussion about recommendations presented by Strategic Planning Committee which were on the final page of the recommendation section.

Very passionate arguments followed. Perceptions good or bad.

This is very important, we are running out of kids. No more critical mass to draw from.

Election of officers:

Barbara Rushmore made a motion to nominate Peter Grosso as Chairman.

Seconded by Alex Brown. So voted 3-0.

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Peter Grosso made a motion to nominate Alex Brown as Recorder.

Seconded by Barbara Rushmore. So voted 3-0

The committee agreed the next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., VMES Conference Room, Provincetown, MA

Adjournment: 6:36 p.m.

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Minutes Approved on October 28, 2009