

Town of Provincetown
School Committee
Veterans Memorial Elementary School Library
Minutes of January 3, 2006

Members Present: Terese Nelson (Chairperson), Peter Grosso (ViceChair), Debra Trovato, Molly Perdue, Burton Wolfman (Secretary). Student Representatives: Jasmine Hadley, Helen Hemley

Also in attendance: Anthony Teso, VMES Principal/DSS, Edward Boxer, PHS Principal, Jessica Waugh, Curriculum Coordinator, Fran Manion, Library Media Specialist, Carol D'Amico, High School Teacher, Beau Jackett, MIS Director and Betty White, Administrative Assistant/Business and Finance Superintendent Lachowetz was absent due to illness.

The Chair called to meeting to order at 4.03 P.M.

Minutes:

Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 29, 2005. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0.

Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2005. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0.

Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2005. Seconded by Peter Grosso. So voted 5-0

New Business:

Class Trip to France:

Carol D'Amico informed the Committee that plans for a trip to France has been postponed because of under enrollment. Ms. D'Amico did indicate she and Ms. Martin will try again in the Spring to coordinate a student trip to France.

Student Council trip to the United Nations:

Student Representative Jasmine Hadley requested the Committees support a trip to the United Nations and New York City developed by the PHS Student Council. After discussion Molly Perdue made a motion to approve the trip. The motion was seconded by Burt Wolfman. The motion was so voted 5-0.

Technology Proposal FY-07:

Beau Jackett reported on a proposal in progress for an agreement between the Town and School Department . The proposal enriches computer technical support and strategic planning for future technology enhancements. Estimated cost needed is \$68,865. Members of the Committee discussed various aspects of the proposal. The committee will re-consider pending further refinement of the proposal.

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Business Plan:

The Committee devoted a considerable amount of time hearing recommendations from the administration as well as Committee members regarding elements that should be included and/or considered for implementation in a strategic business plan. The recommendations and comments will be compiled by the Chair for distribution at a subsequent meeting and for discussion at a future workshop.

Educational Update:

- Mr. Teso reported on a very successful Winter Concert held in the Multi-Purpose Room at VMES. He also reported on the progress of developing "benchmarks" for math testing.

- Mr. Boxer introduced Carol D'Amico and described the new 8th grade interdisciplinary project of "Living by the Sea". Ms. D'Amico reported that the integration of the core subjects has been very successful and the program well received by students and faculty. Fran Manion supported the project pointing out that it enhanced her position, as the media specialist, to interact with students by helping them understand the use of information and research methods.

The Chair announced the retirements of three staff members: Edward Boxer, PHS Principal, Linda Weissenberger, district music teacher, and Linda Di Benedetto, Speech and Language Specialist for the district. Their retirements will all be effective at the close of this school year.

Unfinished Business:

PSC Policies

PSC Policies for CORI procedures was reviewed (2nd Reading) Burton Wolfman made a motion to approve the revised policies: ADDA, ADDA-E-A, ADDA-E-2, and ADDA-R. The motion was seconded by Peter Grosso. The motion was so voted 5-0.

PSC Policy CPR Defibrillator Policy EDA was reviewed (2nd reading). Molly Perdue made a motion to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Peter Grosso. The motion was so voted 5-0.

Website Proposal

No discussion

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Budget FY-07

The proposed "draft budget for 2007 was open for discussion. Betty White informed the Committee that there were some minor changes to the budget since its initial distribution to the Committee. The changes were as a result of last minute information regarding anticipated teacher column movements and step increases. The Committee moved to circulate this draft of the budget for community information prior to the scheduled budget hearing on January 18, 2005. Burt Wolfman made a motion to circulate the FY-07 Budget Draft be presented for community information prior the budget hearing being held on January 18, 2005. Peter Gross seconded the motion. It was so voted 5-0.

The Committee then voted unanimously by roll call to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion non-union personnel.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectively Submitted

Burton Wolfman
School Committee Signature

Date

These Minutes were approved at the School Committee meeting held on:

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