

Town of Provincetown
School Committee
Veterans Memorial Elementary
School Library
Minutes of October 10, 2006

Members Present: Peter Grosso, (Vice Chair), Debra Trovato, Burton Wolfman, (Secretary) and Shannon Patrick
PHS Student Representatives: Jasmine Hadley in attendance. Excused Pele Berg

Terese Nelson (Chair) arrived at 4:35 P.M.

Also Present: Jessica Waugh, Superintendent of Schools, Anthony Teso, VMES Principal/DSS, Dr. Floriano Pavao, PHS Principal
Dr. George Ladd, Beth Francis, Sally Tighe, Amy Rokicki, Lori Welch, Carol D'Amico, Alan Harrison, John McDonough and Others

Vice Chair Peter Grosso called the meeting to order at 4.05 P.M. following a roll call vote of Committee members.

Public Comments:

On behalf of the PAE, Beth Francis requested that the Committee consider amending the Minutes of September 12, 2006 meeting to reflect the United Way Pre-School Proposal.
(*see attached*).

Minutes:

- Deb Trovato moved to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2006. Seconded by Burt Wolfman. So voted 3-0-1 (Shannon Patrick abstained she was not in attendance at this meeting)
- Mr. Grosso stated the amendment presented by the PAE will not be voted on at this time.
- The Minutes of February 10, 2004 which had not been approved were reviewed. Peter Grosso made a motion to approve. Seconded by Deb Trovato. So voted 3-0 (Peter Grosso, Terese Nelson and Deb Trovato were only members who were eligible to so vote. Ms. Patrick and Mr. Wolfman were not members of the committee at that time.)

Superintendent's Update:

Dr. George Ladd, Professional Development Consultant (Professor Emeritus) from Boston College was introduced to discuss plans to assist the Committee in developing a Long Term Strategic Plan. Dr. Ladd informed the Committee that a grant would fund 60% of the consulting time and the District would have to fund the remaining 40%.

Superintendent Waugh and Dr. Ladd will determine dates and budget to begin the process. Deb Trovato moved that the Committee approve the proposed Strategic Planning process subject to budget. Burt Wolfman seconded the motion. So voted 4-0 (Ms. Nelson was not yet in attendance).

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Superintendent Waugh informed the Committee of the initiative to create a small schools consortium in Massachusetts, and the creation of a Cape Cod initiative with Harwich, Chatham, and Provincetown.

PHS teachers Carol D'Amico and Amy Rokicki described the design and implementation of a teacher empowerment program. The program was created over the summer by the Teacher Collaboration Council with the aid of Dr. Susan Whelan. They informed the Committee that all teachers system-wide and all support staff will meet in designated small groups at least twice a month to review curriculum and instruction for all grades.

Superintendent Waugh announced that Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for October 20th, 2006.

Unfinished Business:

The Committee discussed their Sub-Committees and committee assignments for the 2006-07 school year. Deb Trovato

made a motion to discontinue the Building Sub-Committee and the Student Hand Book Sub-Committee due to there no longer being a need for such committees. Shannon Patrick seconded the motion. The motion was so voted 5-0.

The following Sub-Committee motions and appointments were made:

Deb Trovato made a motion to appoint Terese Nelson and Burton Wolfman to the Budget Sub-Committee. Seconded by Shannon Patrick. So voted 5-0

Deb Trovato made a motion to appoint Terese Nelson and Peter Grosso to the Tuition Sub-Committee. Seconded by Shannon Patrick. So voted 5-0

Shannon Patrick made a motion to appoint Deb Trovato and Peter Grosso to the Use of Facilities Sub-Committee, Seconded by Burt Wolfman. So voted 5-0.

Shannon Patrick made a motion to appoint Deb Trovato and Peter Grosso to the Union Negotiation Sub-Committee. Seconded by Burt Wolfman. So voted 5-0

Peter Grosso made a motion to appoint Deb Trovato and Shannon Patrick to the Sick Leave Bank Sub-Committee. Seconded Burt Wolfman. So Voted 5-0.

The Committee discussed the abolishment of the Long Range Financial Planning Sub-Committee in order to have the entire committee participate in those types of discussions. So Moved by Peter Grosso. Seconded by Deb Trovato. Motion carried 5-0

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New Business:

- Jasmine Hadley was introduced as the seconded student representative to the School Committee. This year being Ms. Hadley's second term serving as student representative.

- It was announced that Student Government Day is April 27, 2007 and Provincetown High School will participate in the recognition day.

Line Item Transfer Requests:

Peter Grosso made a motion to approve the following line item transfer request:

To transfer from #10-2415-15-500-135 Library Books \$2700; 10-2600-15-300-105 Audio Visual Sal. Non. Prof. \$446; 10-2320-44-100-159 SPED Teacher Salary Non- Professional Home/Hospital \$700; 10-2451-44-500-111 SPED Instructional Tech Hardware \$474 to Line Item #10-2325-15-500-155 Teacher Cont. Service \$4,320 Seconded by Shannon Patrick. So voted 5-0

Peter Grosso made a motion to approve the following line item transfer request:

To transfer from #10-2351-31-100-152 \$4,470 to #10-2250-31-500-111 Principal Office Technology . Seconded by Shannon Patrick. So voted 5-0.

Deb Trovato asked Superintendent Waugh to give a status up-date of the FY-07 Budget review. Burt Wolfman inquired as to the status of Adult Education Program. Superintendent Waugh indicated she would respond to both inquiries at a later date.

On a roll call vote, at 5:05 P.M., the committee approved going into Executive Session and not returning to regular session for purpose of adjournment. The reason for the Executive Session is to discuss union contracts and strategy session for negotiation with non-union personnel. So voted unanimously.

Respectively Submitted

School Committee Signature

Date

These Minutes were approved at a regular school committee meeting held on_____