

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

MINUTES
October 28, 2009

Members Present:

Peter Grosso, Alex Brown, Barbara Rushmore

Others Present:

Pru Sowers, Provincetown Banner and Tom Coen, Finance Committee

Tom Coen distributed a printout of budget FY-09 and FY-10 school related revenue and expenses. Explanation followed of what was not on it, such as what the state pays

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Peter Grosso made a motion to approve. Seconded by Alex Brown. So voted 3-0

Discussion:

Alex Brown brought in Nauset Middle School article about declining enrollment. He wants to assure correct information is put out there.

Peter Grosso explained what area changes. How we are going to present this at the next (April) Town Meeting.

Barbara Rushmore asked who among us will get the proper figures so we can help make an informed decision.

Peter Grosso said our superintendent has asked for a meeting with former Nauset Superintendent Mike Gradone for guidance (i.e. regionalization vs. tuition) and other considerations before setting up a meeting with the new Nauset superintendent Dr. Hoffman.

Discussion followed about school property, ownership vs. custodianship. i.e. Grace Hall lot **was** also brought up.

Further discussion regarding possibility of 9-12 to Nauset and K-8 at Veterans Memorial Elementary School. Also the possibility of K-8 to Truro was discussed.

Alex Brown stated town has past history of grabbing assets from parking lots i.e. pier, school lots.

Barbara Rushmore said keep in mind the quality of education. Which direction will give our children the best education. Also, what is important to the community – cost or quality.

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Peter Grosso talked about percentages Provincetown vs Nauset

Barbara Rushmore had concerns about transporting of Provincetown students going to Nauset.

Peter Grosso asked what is the impact to the community i.e. Costs, families.
Discussion continued on different scenarios.

Barbara Rushmore brought up getting more families into Provincetown and housing units to accommodate them. Again, proper figures are paramount.

Peter Grosso discussed the handling of scholarships. Explanations followed.

Discussion continued and again the committee agreed to wait for Provincetown Superintendent Dr. Beth Singer to meet with Mr. Gradone to ballpark what is (estimated) cost of regionalizing our students and/or tuition our students to Nauset.
At best it will be a guesstimate. i.e. transportation – tuition – not an issue if you regionalize - \$300,000 transportation costs as of now.

Tom Coen stated in order to take the next step we must have proper numbers.

Barbara Rushmore said to try to get census figures.

Peter Grosso said he will get school cost figures.

Discussion around room:

Vibrant community in Provincetown

Majority of people in Provincetown re of higher education

Best information available

Next Meeting is November 9th, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., VMES Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at a meeting held on: 1/11/2010