

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 8, 2005 Meeting held in Annex Building

Present: Terese Nelson (Chair), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chair), Burt Wolfman (Secretary), Molly Perdue and Debra Trovato.

Others Present: Dr. Colette Trailer (Superintendent), Edward Boxer (PHS Principal), Anthony Teso (VMES Principal), Elizabeth Freeman (Student Representative) and Sheila Colburn (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. No Public Comments were heard.

MINUTES:

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes from February 7, 2005 as written; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 4-0-1 with Debra Trovato abstaining.

Peter Grosso made the motion to accept the minutes of February 22, 2005 as written; Molly Perdue seconded; so voted 4-0-1 with Debra Trovato abstaining.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE:

- Joanne Jarzobski and Jan Young from the **Center for Coastal Studies** gave the Committee an update and overview of the program to be incorporated with the school system. Joanne will meet with the principals of both schools as well as the high school science teachers on March 22, 2005 to plan for the May and September Sails. It will be necessary to work around MCAS testing.
- Tia Scalcione gave the Committee an update on the **Adult Education Program** being conducted in Provincetown.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 The Chair asked for **sub-committee reports**. Mr. Teso gave the Committee an update on the **Day Care/Early Childhood** sub-committee which includes three parents, two teachers and two School Committee members. The committee has met five times and also met with Children's Place. The Committee asked Mr. Teso to continue with the investigation and to report back to the Committee. The Chair and Burt Wolfman gave the Committee an update on the **Article being placed on the Town Warrant**. It is felt that parents need to be educated and come to Town Meeting to support all school related items. The school district can not afford to make payments on a proposed ten year payment plan on the debt service. The two School Site Councils and PTA will be invited to an upcoming School Committee meeting to discuss such items.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debra Trovato made the motion to add under New Business item number 7.4 to appoint Gail Browne to the John Anderson Family Francis Scholarship Committee; seconded by Burt Wolfman; so voted 5-0.

7.1 Burt Wolfman made the motion to approve the VMES **Sixth Grade trip to Boston**; Debra Trovato seconded: so voted 5-0. Mr. Teso explained that the parents have raised over \$10,000 for the trip and some monies will be taken from VMES Student Activities Account. They are about \$750 short and Mr. Grosso advised Mr. Teso to submit a request to the Lion's Club for the amount needed.

7.2 Debra Trovato discussed the **Year Rounders Festival** with the Committee. In past years both the PTA and the high school were represented at the Festival. Mr. Boxer informed the Committee that PHS will have a table at the Festival. They will have a Power Point presentation and members of the Academy and the National Honor Society will be present. Debra informed the Committee that she will have a table also. The Friends of PHS will be selling PHS articles of clothing that help to support the sports and musical programs at PHS. The Festival will take place from 12-3 PM at the Town Hall on Saturday 3/12/05. Elizabeth Freeman volunteered to write a letter about PHS to be distributed.

7.3 Mr. Boxer gave the Committee an overview of the **Sixth Grade Outreach Program** that has been ongoing. The Truro sixth graders visited PHS last week; the VMES sixth graders are visiting this week. Mr. Boxer and Mr. Bob McKay, PHS Guidance Director, held a sixth grade parent meeting for both towns on March 3, 2005.

7.4 Molly Perdue made the motion to appoint Gail Browne as a member of the **John Anderson Family Francis Scholarship Committee**; seconded by Burt Wolfman; so voted 5-0.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

The Chair briefly discussed the retirement of the director of the PHS drama department. She stressed how important this position is to the school district and the community as a whole. An item will be placed on the next Committee agenda to discuss this situation. Mr. Wolfman suggested that members see the show now at the Art Association. He would also like to schedule another workshop with MASC to understand the Committee's role. The following questions were brought forward: how expectations are implemented; how to stay on the same page and importance of communicating clearly. The Committee agreed this was necessary and a workshop will be scheduled after Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.