



Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2022

Regular Session

Present: Kolby Blehm, Edwige Yingling, Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook
Absent: Vida Richter
Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Heather Harper, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order:

Reorganization - Stephanie Costigan called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Edwige Yingling nominated Kolby Blehm as chair, second by Peter Cook, roll call vote 4-0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Peter Cook nominated Edwige Yingling as Vice - Chair, second by Kolby Blehm, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Rachel Rowland nominated Peter Cook as Secretary, second by Edwige Yingling, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Policy Subcommittee - Vida Richter and Kolby Blehm

Liaison to Cape Cod Collaborative - Kolby Blehm

Handbook Vision subcommittee - Edwige Yingling and Rachel Rowland

2. Public Comment: Former TSC member Kenneth Oxtoby thanked the TSC and the administration and wished everyone well.

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3. Approval of Minutes: April 28, 2022, Edwige Yingling moved to approve the April 28, 2022 minutes, second by Kolby Blehm, roll call vote, 2 - 2 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - abstain

Rachel Rowland - abstain

Kolby Blehm - yes

May 5, 2022 minutes postponed until the next meeting.

4. Dates to remember: TSC meeting, June 16, 2022.

Other: Edwige Yingling moved to approve Chief Calise moved to the beginning of the agenda to report on school safety, second by Peter Cook, roll call vote, 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Chief Calise thanked Stephanie Costigan and Pat Riley for their continued leadership and commitment to school safety. Collaboration and communication between TPD and TCS is a top priority. The TPD is working with the administration to review and update the Emergency Response Preparedness Plan. Chief Calise invited anyone with questions to email him at icalise@truro-ma.gov

Kolby Blehm read a letter from TSC member Vida Richter who was unable to attend. (see attached) Ms. Richter asked that the next agenda include discussing emergency protocols and evidence on the effectiveness of active shooter drills versus the mental health of children and staff at TCS. Ms. Richter asked the committee to observe a moment of silence to honor the victims of the Uvalde Texas school shootings. The committee observed a moment of silence to honor the victims.

5. Administrator's reports

5.1 Superintendent Costigan presented her Entry Plan which has been a year long endeavor. Superintendent Costigan met with multiple stakeholders to gather qualitative and quantitative data, in addition to observations. The 4 main themes are;

1. Meeting the needs of all students.
2. Sustainability of a small school.
3. Family and Community Engagement
4. Communication

Please see the attached Entry Plan.

Superintendent Costigan explained that in the past TCS has held a graduation ceremony for 6th graders. Families of current 5th grade students would like the 5th grade students going onto middle school to receive recognition and have a graduation ceremony. The school committee spoke in favor of a 5th grade graduation.

5.2 Principal Riley reported grades 3 - 5 participated in MCAS math and ELA. 5th grade participated in Science MCAS. Mr Riley thanked Nancy Winslow for coordinating the MCAS testing.

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Field trips are ongoing with different grades. Some field trips have been postponed due to transportation issues, The Spring concert is scheduled for June 1 at 6:00 PM.

DESE guidance on Covid quarantine exposure guidance which is a statewide policy now states that no matter the age or vaccination status, if potential exposure, monitor for symptoms and not required to quarantine.

5.3 Administrator of Business Heather Harper reported the End of Year FY 21 report was submitted to DESE in October, the audit firm returned one finding, Covid Relief funds to be classified as state funds not federal funds. (attached)

6. Subcommittees: None

7. New Business: School Choice numbers for 22 - 23 school year; These numbers allow up to 18 students per class with the exception of grade 6 for which there are currently no students registered.

Kindergarten - 9 seats

Grade 1 - 5 seats

Grade 2- 8 seats

Grade 3- 9 seats

Grade 4 - 6 seats

Grade 5 - 6 seats

Grade 6 - 10 seats

Edwige Yingling moved to approve the school choice seats as proposed, second by Peter Cook, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

8. Unfinished Business: FY 22 Line transfers in anticipation of closing the books. Peter Cook moved to approve the line item transfers (attached)as presented, second by Edwige Yingling, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Digitizing TSC Policy Manual - Peter Cook moved to approve going forward with the process of digitizing the TSC policies with MASC, second by Edwige Yingling, roll call vote 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

9. Other: Kolby Blehm recognised the new version of the TSC is all parents and wants the TSC to be conscientious of representing the entire community especially when it comes to financial

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considerations. The TSC will begin discussing goals this summer and possibly finalize the 22-23 goals in August. Stephanie Costigan thanked the Provincetown School and Megan Amorese for inviting Truro K - 5 students to see the Provincetown School performance of Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Kolby Blehm stated the TSC should begin the discussion of 6th grade at TCS in the fall and make a decision prior to the next tuition contract negotiation which is 2024.

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Edwige Yingling moved to adjourn, second by Peter Cook roll call vote 4 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on

June 16, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member