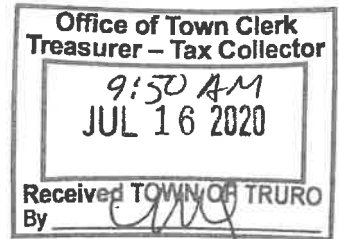


TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
July 21, 2020 5:30 PM
Truro Central School Media Center
AGENDA



Chair - Kenneth Oxtoby
Vice Chair - Michelle Jarusiewicz
Dennis Clark
Christine Roderick - Secretary
Kolby Blehm

Superintendent- Mike Gradone
Principal - Bob Beaudet
Director Student Services - Stephanie Costigan
Recorder-Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order:
2. Reorganization: The Committee will elect a Chair for the 20-21 school year, and fill other Committee offices and subcommittees.
3. Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2020
4. Dates to Remember: August 4 & 25 - TSC meetings?

5. Administrator's Report:

- 5.1 Superintendent/Mike Gradone - Reopening planning; railing update
- 5.2 Principal/Bob Beaudet -
- 5.3 Director Student Services/Stephanie Costigan -
- 5.4 Business Administrator/Heather Harper - FY 20 EOY

6. Visitor/Faculty Statements:

7. Subcommittees:

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1 2020-21 Goals - The proposed goals are carried forward from the June meeting, for the consideration of the full Committee. When a majority of the members is satisfied the full Committee is ready to approve a set of goals, a vote should be taken. After Committee approval, the administration will report regularly to the Committee on progress toward accomplishing the Committee's goals.

1. Professional Development - We judge this is the highest priority, given our inability to prepare for the recent closure/remote learning, and the likelihood of some need to continue instructing some students at home in 20-21. The range of P.D. needs, from Health and Safety protocols, to Reading and Math, to the on-line programs we use (e.g., Google Classroom) is unprecedented. It is a challenge we share with every school district in the state, so we'll be working with our colleagues (particularly on the Cape) as we prepare for next year, but that adds another layer of communication, even as it provides different professional perspectives. We therefore recommend the Reading goal be incorporated in Professional Development, since the needs of our Reading program will unfold in September, when we regain in-person contact with our students. We will design and offer Professional development in Reading suited to the needs we identify in the fall, and not necessarily those we carry over from prior years.

2. **Family Engagement** - However 20-21 unfolds for TCS, our relationships with our children's families will be more important than ever. Whether some families or all deal with remote learning, periodically or for extended periods, we must take advantage of the opportunity to support them in whatever ways we can, to enable their children to have as productive and calm a year as possible. We certainly will continue to work with the Town as often and flexibly as possible. Actively engaging the wider community during a pandemic seems more than we can accomplish.
3. **Future Leadership** - the Committee's concern for considering the school's future needs, and having a plan in place, makes good sense, and is good School Committee practice. The administration will support that effort in any way we can.
4. **Emergency Planning** - It is apparent from numbers 1 and 2 above that much of our work this year will be planning our response to the COVID-19 emergency. The point made at the last meeting that we should not let other emergency planning lapse is valid. Keeping this goal on the list recognizes that this will remain a high priority, at least until we are past the pandemic.

9. New Business:

9.1 The Committee and the public - there were comments at the June 25th meeting about both making future meetings available to the public on video of some sort, and the opportunity offered for comment under "Visitor/Faculty Statements". We have begun discussion of the video requirements, which would require the Committee's approval to proceed. It is a process typical of many public boards.

The opportunity for public comment is usually grounded in Committee policy, setting procedures and boundaries consistent with the Committee's authority and deliberative purpose. For example, comment about the Superintendent's performance is legitimate, because the Committee employs the Superintendent. Comment about a teacher or student is not permitted. I recommend the Committee direct the Policy Subcommittee to bring forward a policy incorporating such guidelines for the Committee's consideration.

9.2 Transfers – If last year's operations budget is closed, account transfers will be presented for the Committee's approval. A vote is expected.

10. Other:

11. **Executive Session:** a discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining is expected. Votes are expected, as is a return to open session.

12. Adjournment:

Town Clerk

Posted: July 16, 2020

The matters listed above are those reasonably anticipated by the chair that may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

