

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2020

Regular Session in TCS Gymnasium

Present: Kenneth Oxtoby(in-person), Michelle Jarusiewicz(in-person), Dennis Clark(in-person), Christine Roderick(in-person), Kolby Blehm(in-person)

Absent:

Others: Michael Gradone, Stephanie Costigan, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Kenneth Oxtoby called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Michelle Jarusiewicz moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 5 - 0.

3. Dates to Remember: TSC meetings October 13 and October 27.

4. Administrator's Reports

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Mr. Gradone reported the town of Truro is undertaking the legal responsibility for staff Covid 19 testing with the testing company. Mr. Gradone gave an overview of federal and state grants. The grants have been amended to give a longer period of time to expend funds. There are two grants for Covid related purposes. TCS will use a federal grant to cover the Title One gap. The approved 20 - 21 school calendar will be updated. Mr. Gradone reminded all TSC members of the required ethics training.

4.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report: Mrs. Costigan reports school began with 68 in-person students in Kindergarten through grade five and 31 remote students in Kindergarten through grade five. Some remote families would like to have their children switch to in-person learning. A survey on remote learning has returned positive feedback. Overall the platforms Seesaw and Google classroom are better organized and presented. All students may have breakfast which is eaten in the classroom.

4.3 Business Administrator Report: Mrs. Harper will have a comprehensive financial statement at the October 13 TSC meeting.

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements: Hannah King thanked the TSC for making the TSC meetings accessible to viewers at home.

6. Subcommittees: The policy subcommittee will meet next week.

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business:

8.1 First Reading of policies - TSC was presented with policies Face Coverings (EBCFA) and Public Comment at School Committee Meetings (BEDH). These policies will be on the TSC October 13, agenda for discussion.

8.2 Consider MASC workshop - Massachusetts Association of School Committees provides helpful workshops for school committees. Mr. Gradone and Kenneth Oxtoby will look at possible dates for a MASC field service rep. to conduct a workshop for TSC members.

9. Other: Kolby Blehm asked for a PK update. Mrs. Costigan sent families a survey to confirm PK selection. The administration is hoping to accommodate more families once children are in the two classrooms and staff can assess safety and bathroom procedures.

10. Executive Session: **To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining******

******Committee entered Executive Session at 5:40 PM, re-entered Regular Session at 5:49 PM, both by unanimous roll call votes******

No action was taken.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Clark presented a motion to adjourn, second by Christine Roderick, vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on October 13, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosen HF

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Truro School Committee Member

