

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

Regular Session

Present: Terri Humes, Michelle Jarusiewicz (5:18), Tim Dickey, Dennis Clark

Absent:

Others: Michael Gradone, Bob Beaudet, Stephanie Costigan, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Terri Humes called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Tim Dickey presented a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019, second by Dennis Clark, vote 2-0-1(Dennis Clark abstained).

3. Dates to Remember: TSC meeting April, 23, 2019

4. Administrator's Reports

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Mr. Gradone reported there should be a Spring evaluation of the Superintendent. Terri Humes will email evaluation forms to TSC members and coordinate the evaluation. The three year transportation agreement with the Collaborative will be ready for review and approval in April. Clarification of seniority language in the teachers' contract will be presented to the Committee once there is an agreement with the union. Mr. Gradone concluded his report by informing TSC members bid specs for boiler conversion are ready to be picked up.

4.2 Principal's Report: Mr. Beaudet reported report card standards and language have been updated to better reflect current educational standards. March report card conferences went well. Mr. Beaudet reminded everyone of the upcoming Pasta Party fundraiser which is a wonderful community event for all ages. Mr. Beaudet concluded by reporting the final 6th grade parent meeting was held to discuss the upcoming trip to Puerto Rico, students have signed a behavior contract with clear expectations outlined. Families are very excited! Mr. Beaudet thanked the TSC for supporting this wonderful experience for TCS students.

4.3 Director of Special Education Report: Mrs. Costigan reported March 8 was a half day of professional development for staff, the focus was Social Emotional Learning with lesson plans on goal directed behavior. April 3 will be another half day of professional development to focus on Social Emotional growth.

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements: None

6. Subcommittees: Mr. Gradone will email possible meeting dates.

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business:

8.1 Tuition agreement: We have reached an agreement with Nauset for the next five years. The 19 – 20 tuition will go up 3%, slightly less than was budgeted. The following three years will increase 2.5% each, and the final year will increase 3.5%. Tim Dickey moved to approve the five year tuition rates with Nauset, second by Dennis Clark, vote 4 – 0.

8.2 Annual vote not to maintain grades 7 – 12: Tim Dickey moved to approve annual vote not to maintain grades 7 – 12, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 4 – 0.

8.3 Consider reducing FY20 budget request: Mr. Gradone recommends the following reductions without affecting the school program; Collaborative transportation quote is \$9,409. less than anticipated. Reduce the cost of the annual audit by \$2,000. using same firm Town uses. The boiler conversion will eliminate the need for maintenance, saving \$5000. The lower rate for Nauset tuition, and an update of enrollment projections, allows a reduction of \$59,490. These reductions for the FY20 budget would reduce the FY20 budget to \$5,965,297., a net savings of \$75,899. Michelle Jarusiewicz moved to approve the recommended reduction, second by Dennis Clark, vote 4 – 0.

8.4 Set fee for after-school program: Mr. Gradone and Ms. Costigan recommend a fee of \$2.00 per day. Discussion ensued on fees, Wellfleet and Provincetown have free after- care programs. After a lengthy discussion on fees, regulations and policies. Michelle Jarusiewicz moved to approve a free after school pilot program for TCS students/Truro residents for 19 – 20 school year, second by Tim Dickey, vote 4 – 0.

9. Other:

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Tim Dickey presented a motion to adjourn, second by Dennis Clark, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on April 23, 2019

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosenblatt
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Truro School Committee Member

