

## **Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2020**

**Regular Session**

**Present:** Kenneth Oxtoby, Michelle Jarusiewicz, Dennis Clark, Christine Roderick, Kolby Blehm

**Absent:**

**Others:** Michael Gradone, Stephanie Costigan, Kathleen Rosenkampff, staff members, members of the public

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

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Kolby Blehm move to approve the minutes of August 4, 2020, second by Dennis Clark, vote 4 - 0 - 1 Michelle Jarusiewicz abstained.

**3. Dates to Remember:** TSC meetings, September 1, September 15, and September 29, 2020.

### **4. Administrator's Reports**

**4.1 Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Gradone reported Truro is finalizing a date for Town Meeting. The school had been asked to reduce the FY 21 budget, Mr. Gradone will ask for a vote on budget cuts sent to the committee in May. The budget cuts will be on the Sept. 1 agenda for a vote. Mr. Gradone will continue discussions with Truro Health Agent Emily Beebe on numbers of cases in Truro and testing protocols. Family surveys are indicating a clear majority of families are ready to send their children to school in person, approximately 80%. The bus survey is complete, all students who want bus transportation will fit on two buses. The TSC will vote on September 1 on the plan to reopen TCS, which has been submitted to the Commissioner. Governor Baker has published new metrics of Covid-19 in all communities. Finally, all plans are fluid and dependent on Covid-19.

**4.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report:** Mrs. Costigan reported the three new positions approved by the TSC are Katie Castano, Special Education Team Chair, Megan O'Leary, Assistant Principal of In-person operations, John Burns, Assistant Principal of remote learning and curriculum. Lindsay White is replacing Maureen Keleher (retiring) as a special education teacher. Mrs. Costigan will be posting for a new academic support teacher. Administration will meet with DPW director Jarrod Cabral and Board of Health agent Emily Beebe to outline ventilation measures. This will include purchasing exhaust fans and air purifiers in all classrooms. John Burns is creating a detailed technology remote learning plan and will be asking TCS staff for input. Inventory will be conducted on all in house devices. New Chromebooks have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive in October.

**4.3 Business Administrator Report: No report**

**5. Visitor/Faculty Statements:** Several faculty members thanked the TSC for the vote to delay in person learning until September 28 and stressed the importance of safety standards.

**6. Subcommittees:** None

**7. Unfinished Business:** None

**8. New Business:**

**8.1 Consider masks for early childhood - DESE requires masks for all students in second grade and up. Mr. Gradone recommends masks for all students at TCS who do not have a medical reason not to wear a mask. Dennis Clark moved to approve masks for all TCS students in PK through grade six who do not have a medical reason to not wear a mask, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 5- 0.**

**8.2 Consider support for the School Nurse - The administration and School Nurse Helen Grimm recommend an assistant to the School Nurse to help with increased record keeping, supervision of possibly-positive Covid-19 students and new health protocols in the school. Ideally a Certified Nurse Assistant or a nursing student. Either would be paid on the Educational Assistant scale, and employed for a fixed period to minimize any lost time should TCS pivot to all remote for an extended period of time. This unbudgeted expense can be assigned to funds made available for Covid related expenses from either the state or federal government. Christine Roderick moved to authorize the Education assistant level position to assist the School Nurse to address Covid-19 responsibilities for one year, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 5 - 0.**

**8.3 Declare Surplus - TCS has rented two storage containers to store classroom items that cannot be used or shared during this school year. As the custodians and staff go through each classroom they are identifying many items that are old, out of date and simply taking up space, these items are better disposed of than stored. The DPW has offered to remove surplus items and has been very helpful in this process. Mr. Gradone recommends a vote to dispose of all items deemed unnecessary. Kolby Blehm moved to approve all outdated and surplus equipment and materials to be removed by the DPW, second by Christine Roderick, vote 4 - 0, Dennis Clark lost connectivity during the vote.**

**9. Other: None**

**10. Executive Session:**

**\*\*\*\*To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Committee entered Executive Session at at 6:07 PM, reentered Regular Session at 6:20 PM, both by unanimous roll call votes\*\*\*\***

**11. Adjournment:** Kolby Blehm presented a motion to adjourn, second by Christine Roderick, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM. Michelle Jarusiewicz left the meeting at 6:17 PM

**These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on**  
September 1, 2020

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Kathleen Rosehanoff

David B. Clark

**Truro School Committee Member**

