

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

Regular Session

Present: Kenneth Oxtoby, Michelle Jarusiewicz (5:20), Dennis Clark, Kolby Blehm
Absent: Christine Roderick
Others: Michael Gradone, Stephanie Costigan, Megan O'Leary, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Kenneth Oxtoby called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. Ken announced the TSC meeting is on a different platform due to earlier virtual issues.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Dennis Clark moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2021, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 3 - 0.

4. Dates to Remember: TSC meetings March 11, and April 8. February Break Feb. 15 - 19.

5. Administrator's Reports

5.1 Superintendent's Report: At an earlier ZOOM meeting with Superintendents the MA Commissioner of Ed. reported new less restrictive bus transportation guidelines. TCS will continue with the current restrictions. The CDC might be lessening the 6' social distancing guidelines. The most up-to-date information on pooled testing is complicated and confusing. FY 22 Title 1 funds are not available to Truro, the Truro level of poverty estimate is 3.3% which does not match free and reduced lunch numbers at TCS. TCS is eligible for three new grant programs, the Federal grant ESR-2 for \$80,000. (\$10,000.) to be spent on SEL. Federal funding from the current government is in the future and a State grant of \$8,000. for Covid-related expenses is available.

5.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report: Mrs. Costigan reports MAP Growth Assessments have begun. The assessment will provide specific information on student gaps in reading and math. February 26 will be a 12:00 dismissal for students at which time teachers will look at the data. March 1 TCS staff will meet virtually with the MAP Growth Consultant to learn to analyze and use the data. Friday there will be school-wide Bingo for K - 5 students with treats supplied by Box Lunch. Mrs. Costigan gave TSC members copies of the TCS DESE Report Card which schools are required to send to all families by the end of February. The report shows TCS has made substantial progress, in the overall classification TCS performs better than 42% of schools in the State.

Mrs. Costigan gave TSC members a draft of a combined Superintendent/Director of Services job description. Highlighted areas will remain in the job description but can be delegated.

5.3 Business Administrator Report: No report

6. Subcommittees: The policy subcommittee met today and discussed policies. The policy JD (Preschool) is presented tonight for a first reading.

7. New Business: None

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1 Review draft of job description for Superintendent/Director of Student Services - Discussed under Acting Assistant Superintendent - Principal report.

8.2 FY22 Capital Plan -

Mr. Gradone recommends the TSC vote to approve a capital exclusion of two hundred twenty-eight thousand, two hundred dollars, and no cents and to remove window replacement, remove shingles, siding, and trim repairs from the FY22 CIP. After discussion of the recommendation, Dennis Clark moved to approve the capital exclusion of two hundred twenty eight thousand, two hundred dollars and no cents and not revise the FY22 CIP, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 4 - 0.

8.3 - Alternative Payroll Authorization - Should Kenneth Oxtoby not be available to sign Michelle Jarusiewicz and Kolby Blehm will be alternates.

9. Other: The CDP will host a virtual Housing 101 February 19, 2021 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Cloverleaf Housing has received 40B approval however completion is several years away.

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

****Committee entered Executive Session at 6:19 PM, re-entered Regular Session at 6:30 PM, both by unanimous roll call votes****

No action was taken.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Clark presented a motion to adjourn, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on March 11, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosenhoff

Michelle Jarusiewicz
Truro School Committee Member



FILE: JD

PRESCHOOL

The Truro Central Preschool program serves the Town's three- and four-year-olds. By state and federal regulation, preschoolers three years old and older are entitled to Special Education services, including enrollment in a program with their peers.

The TCS program is open to resident children, and children of Town employees, who turn three years old on or before September 1 of a given year. The School Committee does not charge a fee for this program. Maximum enrollment is set by state regulation.

Registrations for each year's program are accepted in the spring. In setting enrollment, school staff will take into account factors including a child's age; previous school experience; and the child's and family's needs, as described by the parents or guardians. Preference is revision often to will be given four-year-olds who will be entering Kindergarten the following year.

Families will be invited to provide such information as they wish to have considered, which will be treated confidentially, in keeping with student records requirements. The Principal will make enrollment decisions at her/his professional discretion, after consulting with appropriate staff, balancing the interests of individual children with the effectiveness of the program.

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ADOPTED: MARCH 26, 2020

DRAFT REVISION: FEBRUARY 11, 2021

