

## **Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2021**

**Regular Session**

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

**Absent:**

**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.
- 2. Public Comment:** Kait Blehm, Bob Weinstein, Kolby Blehm (speaking as a parent) and Vida Richter spoke on Preschool.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Kolby Blehm moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2021, second by Michelle Jarusiewicz, vote 4 - 0 - 1. Dennis Clark abstained.
- 4. Dates to Remember:**
- 5. Administrator's Reports**

**5.1 Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Gradone will have an annual funding cycle update at the next TSC meeting. Truro will not receive an approximately \$20,000. Title 1 grant this year. Poverty figures are based on the estimate of the census bureau which are not reliable. TCS staff are continuing to be vaccinated with one half of the staff currently vaccinated. The administration cannot mandate mandatory vaccinations for adults. The Department of Public Health determines vaccine requirements for children. TCS continues to require children who have traveled out of state to quarantine for 10 days on return. Mr. Gradone mentioned two articles on the draft of the town warrant. The article to replace siding, trim and windows on the school and the petitioned article on a childcare voucher. Mr. Gradone and Mrs. Costigan will attend the next Select Board meeting. Provincetown school has been in touch with Cape Cod Collaborative Director Paul Hilton to discuss busing Provincetown High School students to NRHS. Mr. Gradone and Mr. Hilton will discuss the possibility of Truro and Provincetown sharing a bus.

**5.2 Acting Assistant Superintendent-Principal Report:** Mrs. Costigan will discuss PK registration under unfinished business. The first round of interviews for a Principal are complete with several identified candidates to have a second interview next week. There will be more information before the next TSC meeting.

**5.3 Business Administrator Report:** The committee will have an update at the next meeting.

**6. Subcommittees:** The policy subcommittee will meet after the town election.

**7. New Business:**

**7.1 21 - 22 Calendar -** Will be discussed at the next TSC meeting.

**7.2 Stability policies:** DESE requires TCS to have current policies on JF School Admissions; JFABD Homeless Students; JFABE Military Students; and JFABF Children in Foster Care. Also presented for a First Reading is JLCD Administering Medicines to Children.

7.3 Ventilation Report: Rise Engineering has submitted the ventilation assessment report. The west corridor is lacking exhaust ventilation, and the nurse's office requires attention. Rise Engineering will assess what needs to be done in the nurse's office. The administration would like to have that space improved by the September school opening.

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1 Ratify Teachers Contract: Kolby Blehm moved to ratify the TEA contract, second by Dennis Clark, vote 5 - 0.

8.2 Third Reading of Policy JD (Preschool): Kolby Blehm recused himself due to potential conflict of interest. Dennis Clark moved to table Policy JD (Preschool), second by Michelle Jarisiewicz, vote 4 - 0.

Administrators report: Mrs. Costigan reported the outreach to town employees was successful with 25 applicants for PK. The majority of families (21 of 25) requested 5 full days. The administration anticipates an Early Intervention child in October. Mr. Gradone stated there is a scarcity of space and the administration hasn't found a solution and is not yet able to register all families for all of the time needed for their children. Committee members expressed their concern that a solution had not been found. Mr. Oxtoby concluded that more thought was necessary.

8.3 Second Reading of Policies GBA (Affirmative Action) and IGA (Curriculum Development) - No Changes made and will go to a third reading.

8.4 School Committee Goals Update: A memo is included with updates to Professional Development, Family (and Community Engagement), Future Leadership, and Emergency Planning.

8.5 Superintendent's Job Description/Team Chair: The committee requested updated job descriptions. Mr. Gradone will send the committee the three updated job descriptions so the committee can look at how all three positions fit together.

9. Other: Michelle Jarusiewicz reported there is a 1 bedroom affordable deed restricted unit available in Provincetown.

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Dennis Clark presented a motion to adjourn, second by Kolby Blehm, vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on May 6, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rose

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Truro School Committee Member

