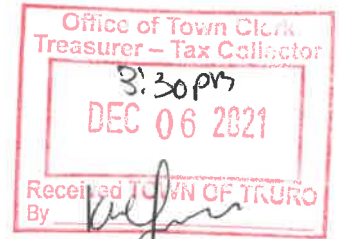


Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

Regular Session



Present: Kenneth Oxtoby, Kolby Blehm, Vida Richter, Edwige Yingling, Christine Roderick (remote)

Absent:

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Beth Cook, Beth Dietz, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. **Call to Order:** Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.
2. **Public Comment:** Beth Dietz spoke as a parent and taxpayer on the TSC's 2021 hiring process of the Superintendent.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Edwige Yingling moved to approve the September 14, 2021 work session minutes, second by Kenneth Oxtoby, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Vida Richter - yes
Kenneth Oxtoby - yes
Edwige Yingling - yes
Kolby Blehm - yes
Christine Roderick - yes

Vida Richter moved to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes, second by Kenneth Oxtoby, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Vida Richter - yes
Kenneth Oxtoby - yes
Edwige Yingling - yes
Kolby Blehm - yes
Christine Roderick - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021, second by Vida Richter

Vida Richter - yes
Kenneth Oxtoby - yes
Edwige Yingling - yes
Kolby Blehm - yes
Christine Roderick - abstained

4. **Dates to Remember:** TSC meetings, work session November 15, 2021, TSC meeting, December 2, 2021. Going forward TSC meetings will be scheduled for Thursdays.

5. Administrator's Reports

5.1 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Costigan has established a leadership team composed of the principal, nurse, social worker and business and finance administrator and the superintendent. The leadership committee will meet weekly and their charge is to implement and follow up on TSC goals.

All FY 22 grants have been approved. Every year TCS is allocated Federal and State funds. The ESSER 3 grant funding of \$170,448. is available through September 2024. This year grant money is funding the part time custodian, a medical assistant and a PK educational assistant. The ESSER 2 grant of \$85, 841. is supporting the installation of three mini splits in three classrooms. The ESSER 1 grant is spent on half of the math coach

salary and mental health services through Gosnold. Title 1 grant funds are not available to TCS due to inaccurate census information. TCS received a Rural Aid grant of \$19,836. to support efforts of regional collaboration. Superintendent Costigan will provide a spreadsheet listing the grants and allocations for the November 15, 2021 work session.

Staffing update - The medical assistant resigned and a new posting for a medical assistant will go out.

Policy manual update - Jim Hardy of MASC will go over the policies TCS currently has and provide information on what policies need to be updated including missing policies. MASC will provide templates to the TSC. The policy subcommittee will then work on the templates. Once all policies are approved the policies will be digitized and on the MASC website with other school districts. There will be a link on the TCS website as well. The cost is \$4500. The TSC has approved this previously and the plan is to go forward with MASC.

5.2 Principal's Report: Principal Riley reported the Halloween party which was a scaled back version of the canceled Fall Fest was a success. Over 50 families were in attendance. Principal Riley extended a thank you to families, community sponsors and community organizations, including Truro Public Library, Truro Fire Dept., Truro Police and the National Seashore. Payomet Circus performed and there were many games for children. Thank you to the TCSFG executive board Hannah Gonsalves, Hannah King, Shelby Lowry and the many volunteers who made the day a success.

After school activities are up and running. 43% of students are participating in 7 different activities. Thank you to Heather Harper for taking on the responsibility of coordinating the After School program.

The PK start time has shifted from 8:30am to 8:00am for safety reasons and to better align with grades K - 6 arrivals.

6. Subcommittees: Budget task force liaisons - Superintendent Costigan and Kenneth Oxtoby will be the TSC budget task force liaisons.

7. New Business:


7.1 TCS travel policy - Superintendent Costigan gave a report clarifying Covid communications and travel contracts beginning in September with the student handbook mailed to all families and on the school website. In October the Covid response team met and revised guidelines due to a spike in Covid cases. The revised guidelines were shared with families on Oct. 12. The guidelines were revised again the following week after a meeting with the Covid response team and feedback from families on how restrictive the guidelines were.

The committee gave feedback on handbook communication and asked to be kept informed of changes to Covid guidelines, travel contracts and information affecting children's time in school. Superintendent Costigan suggested keeping the TSC in the loop by email.

7.2 Review process and timeline of the Superintendent evaluation will be covered in the November 15, 2021 work session.

7.3 Discussion of committee roles and responsibilities with the budget process will be covered in the November 15, 2021 work session.

7.4 Presentation by Vida Richter regarding Columbus and Indigenous People. Vida presented information on the history of Columbus Day, why it should be changed, other states and local governments that have taken it upon themselves to rename the day honoring Native American lives and cultures. Vida concluded her presentation stating that TSC has a goal of anti-racism and as part of that goal should make the simple change from Columbus Day to a name that celebrates Indigenous People. The committee agrees with Vida's proposal to have TCS rename Columbus Day. The subcommittee will look at doing so in a policy subcommittee meeting.

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8. Unfinished Business: None

9. Other: MASC Conference Nov. 3 - 6, 2021 is virtual this year.

10. Executive Session: Kenneth Oxtoby moved to enter Executive Session, for the purpose of

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A § 21 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Markowski v. Truro School Committee, Orleans District Court Docket #2126SC000560)

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (1) to discuss a complaint against the Superintendent of Schools. And then to adjourn to regular session for the purpose of adjournment, second by Edwige Yingling, on a roll call vote the committee entered executive session at 6:35PM.

Vida Richter - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Christine Roderick - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

11. Adjournment: Kenneth Oxtoby presented a motion to adjourn, second by Vida Richter, vote by roll call vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Vida Richter - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Christine Roderick - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

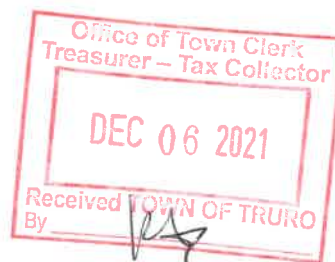
These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on December 2, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosenoff

[Signature]

Truro School Committee Member





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Budget Task Force –Preliminary Meeting Schedule – FY2023 Budget

All meetings on the following dates are to commence via GoToMeeting

Monday, December 13 at 10:00 am

CIP/ DPW

Harbor/Shellfish

Monday, January 10 at 5:00 pm

Police

Fire & Rescue

Emergency Management

Tuesday, January 18 at 10:00 am

Building/Inspections

Health/Conservation

Recreation & Beach

Council on Aging

Monday, January 24 at 10:00 am

Finance

Admin

Clerk

Information Technology

Monday, January 31 at 4:30 pm

School

Library

Friday, February 4 at 4:00 pm: Deadline for Money Articles

Monday, February 7 at 5:00 pm

Overall Budget

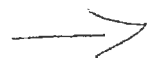
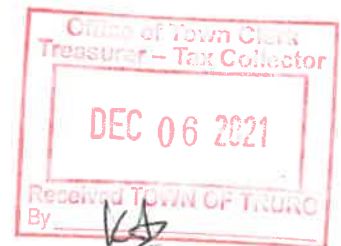
Outstanding and unresolved items

Tuesday, February 8 at 5:00 pm

Draft FY2023 Town & School Budgets, CIP Presented to the Select Board and Finance Committee

Monday, February 14 at 5:00 pm

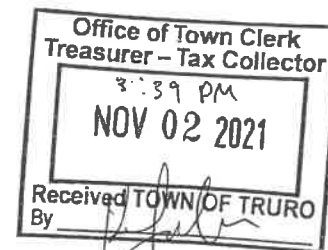
Reserved for Outstanding Budget Discussions



Tuesday, March 8 at 5:00 pm

Budget Submitted to Select Board

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
November 3, 2021, 5:15 PM
Truro Central School
AMENDED AGENDA



Chair - Kolby Blehm
Vice Chair - Kenneth Oxtoby
Christine Roderick
Secretary - Vida Richter
Edwige Yingling

Superintendent - Stephanie Costigan
Principal - Patrick Riley
Admin. Business and Finance - Heather Harper

Recorder - Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order:
 2. Public Comment:§
 3. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2021 work session, September 16, 2021, regular session, September 29, 2021 work session(postponed), and October 12, 2021, regular session
 4. Dates to Remember: TSC meeting Monday, November 15, 2021
Choosing a consistent day of the week for TSC meetings.
 5. Administrators' Reports:
 - 5.1 Superintendent: Establishment of the Leadership team, Grants overview, Staffing update, Policy manual
 - 5.2 Principal: TCSFG Halloween party, After school activities, Preschool start time
 6. Subcommittees:
 - 6.1 Budget task force liaison assignment.
 7. New Business:
 - 7.1 Discussion of TCS travel policy.
 - 7.2 Review process and timeline of Superintendent evaluation.
 - 7.3 Discussion of committee roles and responsibilities with the budget process.
 - 7.4 Presentation by Vida Richter regarding Columbus and Indigenous People.
 8. Unfinished Business:
 9. Other: MASC Conference, Nov. 3-6, 2021
 10. Executive Session: There will be two executive sessions:
Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A § 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Markowski v. Truro School Committee, Orleans District Court Docket #2126SC000560)
Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a) (1) to discuss a complaint against the Superintendent of Schools.
 11. Adjournment:
Town Clerk
Posted: November 1, 2021
- The matters listed above are those reasonably anticipated by the chair that may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.
- The meeting will take place on the Go TO meeting platform. Members of the public who wish to participate in real time may be invited by emailing harnede@truromass.org. The meeting will be recorded and posted to the Town of Truro website.

