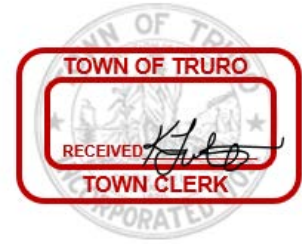


Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2022

Regular Session



Present: Kolby Blehm, Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook, Vida Richter (remote)

Absent: Edwige Yingling,

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Kathleen Rosenkampff

11/18/2022 @ 9:39AM

1. **Call to Order:** Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM
2. **Public Comment:** No comment
3. **Dates to remember:** TSC meeting November 17, 2022, December 1, 2022, and December 15, 2022.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Rachel Rowland moved to approve the September 15, 2022, minutes, second by Vida Richter roll call vote, 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

5. Administrator's Reports:

5.1 Superintendent: Superintendent Costigan discussed the TCS MCAS grades 3 - 5 2022 results, noting that MCAS tests have been administered differently for the last few years due to the pandemic. In 2019 the full MCAS test was administered. In 2020 no MCAS tests were administered. In 2021 half MCAS tests were administered, and in 2022 complete MCAS tests were administered. The detailed MCAS results memo is attached to these minutes. The MCAS discussion will continue to the November 17, 2022, TSC meeting. In September 2022, the Baker - Polito administration announced that grants would be available to update school ventilation. TCS has been allocated \$100,000. to be applied for by October 28, 2022. Superintendent Costigan is working with DPW director Jarrod Cabral on the grant application. November 17, 2022, the TSC meeting will include an update on the grant and the updated Capital Improvement Plan for the upcoming budget. Annual MASC conference to be held November 2 - 5, 2022, in Hyannis. In September, Polished Dental, a volunteer dental program for families, had 46 students participate over two days. Polished Dental will return in March to provide a 6-month checkup. The TCS Wellness Committee is planning a November "Souper Social" fundraiser. Local chefs and TCS 5th-grade students will prepare soups. In addition there will be donated bread, desserts, and greens from the TCS gardens. The funds raised will support the Farm to School program. In response to TSC member Rachel Rowland's inquiry on the Literature Bias Tool at TCS, Superintendent Costigan shared an example of a Literature Bias Tool that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee had discussed last year as a potential tool for TCS this year. The potential Bias Review Tool is attached to the minutes.

5.2 Principal's Report: Principal Riley reported on recent events at TCS. Open House on September 29 had over 70 % of families attend. All Cape Inservice Professional Development was held on October 7, 2022. The Cape Cod Collaborative has sessions on specific subjects which specialists and PK staff attended either remotely or on-site. Staff at TCS discussed initiatives for this school year around students having a sense of belonging and a strong connection to all facets of the school community. The staff developed goals for this school year. Family conferences will be on October 26 and 27, earlier this year, as an opportunity for families and teachers to check in with each other. Report cards will be sent home in December. Student picture day is next week, with Eliza Harned as the photographer and the TCSFG facilitating the ordering of photos.

6. Subcommittees: The Policy subcommittee will schedule a meeting next week.

7. New Business:

7.1 Classroom Spotlight - 5th-grade teachers John Burns and Josh Paul gave a brief presentation outlining the academics of the 5th-grade class to date and showed a 5-minute video of 5th-grade students. Highlights include a 5-mile loop walk at Head of the Meadow beach, "Fed EX Day" students have a day to conceive, plan and execute a project, and some students learn to play the guitar with Josh Paul, and the students create and test solar s'more ovens. Chair Blehm thanked Mr. Burns and Mr. Paul for sharing with the committee. The video is on the TSC recording of this meeting.

7.2 The TEA representatives could not attend the meeting to discuss the Fair Share Amendment.

7.3 Middle School Transition discussion - With the committee looking at the viability of continuing to offer 6th grade at TCS this year, the committee would like to facilitate discussions with the TCSFG and the community to discuss how the committee can support families and students with the transition to middle school.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. Other: Farm to School fundraiser - Vida Richter moved to approve the Nov. 4, 2022 Farm to School, Wellness Committee fundraiser, second by Rachel Rowland, roll call vote, 4 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Vida Richter moved to adjourn, second by Rachel Rowland roll call vote, 4 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Rachel Rowland - yes

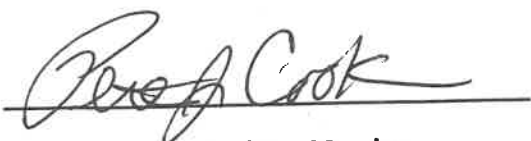
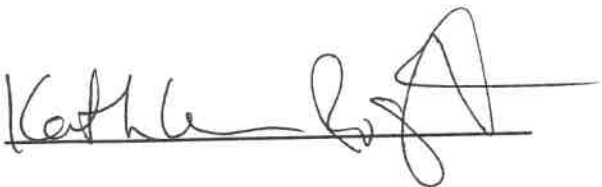
Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

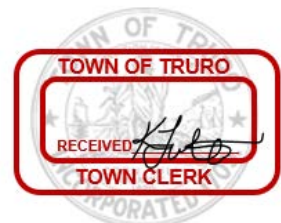
Kolby Blehm - yes

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on
November 17, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member



Detailed MCAS results:

Math: Compared to 2021, the percentage of students scoring Meeting or Exceeding Expectations in math started to recover and increased by 6 percentage points in grades 3-8 statewide. The percentage of students who scored Meeting or Exceeding Expectations at TCS in grades 3-5 declined by six percentage points, but is on par with students across the state.

Grade	2021 %M/E	2022 %M/E	Change M/E 21-22
State 3-8	33%	39%	+6 percentage pts.
TCS 3-5	47%	40%	-6 percentage pts.



Science: Science scores indicated a small recovery in 2022 statewide. Scores at TCS exhibited a decline of 28 percentage points from 2021 but one percentage point higher than students in grade 5 statewide.

Grade	2021 %M/E	2022 %M/E	Change M/E 21-22
State 5	42%	43%	+1 percentage pt.
TCS 5	72%	44%	-28 percentage pt.

English language arts: ELA scores declined in 2022 as compared to 2021 across the state. In particular, writing scores were lower than last year in grades 3-8. In addition, grades 3-5 showed sharper declines than grades 6-8, indicating challenges in early literacy. Scores for students in grades 3-5 at TCS show a decline of 13 percentage points; however, the scores are 12 percentage points above the state.

Grade	2021 %M/E	2022 %M/E	Change M/E 21-22
State 3-8	46%	41%	-5 percentage pts.
TCS 3-5	66%	53%	-13 percentage pts.

A note about recent MCAS test administrations: When considering this year's test results and how to compare them to previous years, it is helpful to remember that, due to the pandemic, there were variations in how MCAS was administered over the last few years:

- 2019: Full tests in grades 3-8 and high school
- 2020: No MCAS tests administered
- 2021: Half tests in grades 3-8, full tests in high school
- 2022: Full tests in grades 3-8 and high school



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7 Forms of Bias for Teachers to Consider

Bias Review - Educational Materials/Resources



Directions: In the Materials/Resources column, list all **major** resources used to support the presentation of and interaction with the curriculum content including text/techbooks, books, articles, workbooks, manipulatives, charts, posters, videos, music, and additional supplemental print or web-based materials. For each material/resource, make note of whether or not one or more forms of bias have been identified as an area of concern. Next to each form of bias write either *no concern* or *concern*. For each *concern* noted, write a brief description of the concern and a recommendation for steps to address the concern in a timely manner.

Subject Area/Course/Grade(s):

Date(s) of Review:

Review Team Members:

Materials/Resources	Forms of Bias
Classroom posters, charts, word walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Invisibility:● Stereotyping:● Imbalance & Selectivity:● Unreality:● Fragmentation & Isolation:● Linguistic Bias:● Cosmetic Bias:
Web-based content materials such as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Invisibility:● Stereotyping:● Imbalance & Selectivity:● Unreality:● Fragmentation & Isolation:● Linguistic Bias:● Cosmetic Bias:
Classroom Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Invisibility:● Stereotyping:● Imbalance & Selectivity:● Unreality:● Fragmentation & Isolation:● Linguistic Bias:● Cosmetic Bias:

