

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting Regular Session

Present: Kenneth Oxtoby, Dennis Clark, Christine Roderick

Absent: Michelle Jarusiewicz

Others: Michael Gradone, Bob Beaudet, Stephanie Costigan, Heather Harper, staff members, members of the public, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Kenneth Oxtoby called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Christine Roderick presented a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2020, second by Dennis Clark, vote 3-0.

3. Dates to Remember: TSC meeting, July 14, 2020

4. Administrator's Reports

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Mr. Gradone reported DESE has released the Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance Report. The overriding goal is to get schools open with students in the building. DESE is requiring all schools to submit three possible learning models. In person learning with new safety requirements, a hybrid of in person and remote learning, and the continuation of remote learning. TCS administration primary focus will be to plan to do what's necessary to bring students in to the building. DESE will be sending out through the summer an additional 8 sets of guidance for schools. DESE is working on resources to support schools for staff professional development. Mr. Gradone will set up a dedicated email address for people to submit questions on the reopening of TCS. The administration will be developing a plan through the summer and will keep families and staff up to date through timely emails. The town manager has approved prepaying Special Education tuition from the FY 20 budget. The FY 20 budget will return in excess of \$400,000. to the town.

4.2 Principal's Report: Mr. Beaudet reported the 6th grade team put together a slide show and had yard signs made for each 6th grader to celebrate graduation from TCS. Principal Tim Reynolds of Provincetown School and Mr. Beaudet will work together on addressing white privilege and racism on the Outer Cape and the best way to support children and families of color. Mr. Beaudet thanked TCS office staff for all of their help during the Covid – 19 school closure.

4.3 Director of Student Services: Mrs. Costigan reported 54 students have been invited to participate in the extended school year virtual program. Discussion is continuing on in person services for students with severe disabilities.

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements: Hannah King asked for TSC meetings to be live streamed in the future. Mara Glatzel would like to see TCS be leaders in the community with Anti-Racist efforts, dialogue and engagement for students and families.

6. Subcommittees:

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 Superintendent's Goals – The goals have been adjusted and will be on future TSC agendas.

1. Professional Development - We judge this is the highest priority, given our inability to prepare for the recent closure/remote learning, and the likelihood of some need to continue instructing some students at home in 20-21. The range of P.D. needs, from Health and Safety protocols, to Reading and Math, to the on-line programs we use (e.g., Google Classroom) is unprecedented. It is a challenge we share with every school district in the state, so we'll be working with our colleagues (particularly on the Cape) as we prepare for next year, but that adds another layer of communication, even as it provides different professional perspectives. We therefore recommend the Reading goal be incorporated in Professional Development, since the needs of our Reading program will unfold in September, when we regain in-person contact with our students. We will design and offer Professional development in Reading suited to the needs we identify in the fall, and not necessarily those we carry over from prior years.
2. Family Engagement - However 20-21 unfolds for TCS, our relationships with our children's families will be more important than ever. Whether some families or all deal with remote learning, periodically or for extended periods, we must take advantage of the opportunity to support them in whatever ways we can, to enable their children to have as productive and calm a year as possible. We certainly will continue to work with the Town as often and flexibly as possible. Actively engaging the wider community during a pandemic seems more than we can accomplish.
3. Future Leadership - the Committee's concern for considering the school's future needs, and having a plan in place, makes good sense, and is good School Committee practice. The administration will support that effort in any way we can.
4. Emergency Planning - It is apparent from numbers 1 and 2 above that much of our work this year will be planning our response to the COVID-19 emergency. The point made at the last meeting that we should not let other emergency planning lapse is valid. Keeping this goal on the list recognizes that this will remain a high priority, at least until we are past the pandemic.

7.2 MASC Resolution on Covid-19 state funding – Christine Roderick moved the MASC Resolution on Covid-19 as presented, second by Dennis Clark, vote 3 – 0.

7.3 MASC Resolution on Anti-Racism – Dennis Clark moved the MASC Resolution on Anti-Racism as presented, second by Christine Roderick, vote 3 – 0.

8. New Business: None

9. Other: None

10. Executive Session: None

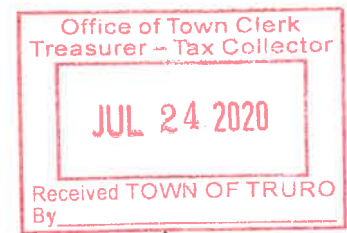
11. Adjournment: Dennis Clark presented a motion to adjourn, second by Christine Roderick, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46PM.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on July 21, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Rosenblatt

James B. Dittoly
Truro School Committee Member



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