

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

Regular Session



1/20/2023 - 9:54AM

Present: Kolby Blehm, Edwige Yingling, Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook

Absent: Vida Richter

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Heather Harper, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

2. Public Comment: No comment

3. Dates to remember: TSC meetings are on January 12, 2023, and January 19, 2023.

4. Approval of Minutes: Edwige Yingling moved to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes, second by Peter Cook roll call vote, 3 - 0 - 1.

Kolby Blehm - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Rachel Rowland - abstained

Peter Cook - yes

5. Administrator's Reports:

5.1 Superintendent: Superintendent Costigan reported that long-term sub Sandy Biron has resigned, and there will be a posting for a long-term sub for Kindergarten.

5.2 Principal's Report: No report

5.3 Administrator of Business and Finance: Ms. Harper updated committee members absent at the 12/8/2022 TSC meeting on the FY 22 - 23 budget status. The recommendation to the administration is to freeze all spending until mid to late January, which is the mid-year mark. At that point, there will be more information. At the February 2023 TSC meeting, Ms. Harper will update the TSC on the FY 22 - 23 budget and present line item transfers.

6. Subcommittees:

6.1 Policies - No report

7. New Business:

7.1 Consider Proposed FY 24 Operating Budget: The committee proceeded to go over the FY 23 - 24 proposed budget. The salary of one PK teacher and one Ed. Assistant will continue to be paid from the School Choice tuition account. Kolby Blehm stated the draft budget increase of 5.89 % should be closer to a 2% increase, which is a reduction of \$250,000. The projected enrollment indicates the

student population has decreased by 25% in two years. The committee discussed the co-teaching model with two full-time teachers in both 4th and 5th grade and a class size of 13 students in each class. Superintendent Costigan stated it is difficult to assess the effectiveness of co-teaching since it's only been a few months. The FY 23 staffing plan is a projection and could change and revert to the previous model. Superintendent Costigan stated the Kindergarten teacher position could be filled from within. The percentage of students on IEPs next year is 18%. Superintendent Costigan went over the current classroom makeup of Ed. Assistants assigned to each grade level. Principal Riley discussed the software subscriptions and their use by teachers. The committee would like to hear from teachers about how they use the software in the classroom and the percentage of students reading below grade level in each grade. The committee consensus is to remove the salary of the Kindergarten teacher, the TAPS program and adjust Custodial Travel Expenses to \$1,000.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. Other: None

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Peter Cook moved to adjourn, second by Edwige Yingling, roll call vote, 4 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Kolby Blehm - yes
Edwige Yingling - yes
Rachel Rowland - yes
Peter Cook - yes

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

January 12, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member