

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023

Regular Session



1/20/2023 - 9:54 AM

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

Absent:

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

1. Call to Order: Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM

2. Public Comment: No comment

3. Dates to remember: TSC meeting January 19, Public Hearing on FY 24 budget.

4. Approval of Minutes: Peter Cook moved to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes with one correction, second by Vida Richter roll call vote, 5 - 0.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

5. Administrator's Reports:

5.1 Superintendent: Superintendent Costigan shared the vision process the staff is currently undergoing to create a vision statement. The staff will capture the students' voices. A survey will be sent to parents for input and TSC members are invited to participate as TSC members as well as parents. Superintendent Costigan met with the Truro Recreation Advisory Committee and let them know the TAPS program has been removed from the school budget. Superintendent Costigan informed the committee the administration will support the Recreation Dept. in any effort to get an after school childcare program up and running. The lack of an after school childcare program was discussed at the most recent Budget Task Force meeting and Superintendent Costigan, Rec Director Damion Clements and Town Manager Darrin Tangemann will meet and work something out. TCS has received a grant of \$12,000. to replace the range, oven and dishwasher booster heater in the TCS kitchen. In addition TCS has received a Community Health Services grant. The allocation has not yet been disclosed. Discussions of collaboration with Provincetown Schools to get students together is ongoing.

5.2 Principal's Report: No report

6. Subcommittees:

7. New Business: School Committee members' classroom visits - Peter Cook and Rachel Rowland enjoyed their tour visiting different classrooms. Rachel Rowland inquired about the daily amount of screen time children in the younger grades have. The discussion of technology in the classrooms will be on a future agenda.

8. Unfinished Business: Consider Proposed FY 24 Operating Budget - Since the previous budget meeting the administration has received notice of another teacher retirement. Based on TSC members' request to reduce the budget to 2%. The administration removed \$6,000. from general supplies, removed the cost of the after school childcare program by \$49,737., reductions in the classroom teachers line, by \$34,577.60, special education teachers line, by \$113,460. and removed the kindergarten teacher salary anticipating filling the position from within. The reductions resulted in an increase of \$90,711. or a 1.55% increase. The committee would like the increase to be closer to 2% which will allow for the \$6,000. to be put back in the general supplies line. Once budget season is over the committee is interested in having classroom teachers do presentations of their classrooms.

9. Other: None

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Vida Richter moved to adjourn, second by Rachel Rowland, roll call vote 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Rachel Rowland - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

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

January 19, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:





Truro School Committee Member