

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 19, 5:15 PM
Truro Central School Media Center
AGENDA

Chair - Terri Humes
Vice Chair - Michelle Jarusiewicz
Dennis Clark
Kenneth Oxtoby - Secretary
Christine Roderick

Superintendent- Mike Gradone
Principal - Bob Beaudet
Director Student Services - Stephanie Costigan
Recorder-KathleenRosenkampff

1. Call to Order:
2. Approval of Minutes: August 29, 2019
3. Dates to Remember:

Sept. 20 - 22 Truro Treasures
Sept. 26 - TCS Open House
Oct. 15 - School Committee (?)

4. Administrator's Report:

- 4.1 Superintendent/Mike Gradone - new Music/Performing Arts teacher
- 4.2 Principal/Bob Beaudet - enrollment
- 4.3 Director Student Services - Stephanie Costigan - TAPS update (see New Business)

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements:

6. Subcommittees:

7. Unfinished Business:

- 7.1 Superintendent's evaluation

8. New Business:

8.1 Afterschool Program (TAPS) - The Department of Ed has approved our offering an afterschool care program, as we expected they would. Our application said we expected to serve 8-11 children, which was what the PUMA program experienced. Yesterday we had thirty-three.

The program, which we've named "TAPS" (Truro Afterschool Program for Students), has been successful at a level beyond our most optimistic expectations. Children are having a wonderful time. Parents are delighted to have it available. Our staff (two TCS Educational Assistants, Kaitlin Sanchez and Jenny Leyton) has been enthusiastic and effective.

The unexpected problem is that 33 is too many children for two staff. We've been supplementing coverage day-to-day as best we can, and have begun to brainstorm how best to serve so many children on a continuing basis. Essentially, there are two alternatives: hire an additional person, or limit daily enrollment to 26 (under state regulations). We will continue to analyze the staffing options and the potential cost, and bring you that analysis at the meeting.

This is a great opportunity to take a giant step toward making Truro the family- and child-friendly town we want it to be. It will almost certainly have a favorable impact on our enrollment. We have a chance to support our children in ways that weren't available just last June. We will be looking for the most cost-effective way to keep as many children involved as we possibly can.

A vote is anticipated.

9. Other:

10. Executive Session:

11. Adjournment:

Town Clerk

Posted: September 13, 2019

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.

