

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2015

Regular Session

Present: Terri Humes, Tim Dickey, Drew Locke

Absent: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Rebecca Townsend

Others: Mike Gradone, Bob Beaudet, Nancy Winslow, Kathy Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Terri Humes called the meeting to order at 5:15.

2. Approval of Minutes: Tim Dickey moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2015, second by Terri Humes, vote 2 – 0 – 1 (Drew Locke abstained.)

3. Dates to Remember: TSC Public Hearing January 12 at 5:15p.m.

4. Administrator's Reports:

- **Superintendent Mike Gradone Report:**
 - TCS Administration not required on Town parking committee.
 - Quarterly budget reports will be on the January and April TSC agendas.
 - Superintendent goals have been updated. Included in packet.
 - Playground bids will be going out in February 2016.
 - Policy development will be ongoing and updated over the next 12 – 18 months.
- **Principal Bob Beaudet Report:**
 - PARCC results – TCS students did well in ELA, future professional development will focus on math.
 - Professional Development in 2016 will continue with Literacy Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction. Upcoming training will include 5 staff members for K – 3 and 5 staff members for 3 – 6. The sessions are in January, February, March and April 2016.
 - A substitute custodian has been working to sand, prime and paint the steel work in the front and back of the building.
 - Nancy Winslow described the Zones of Regulation program which was initiated by Katie Castano with some TCS students and is now presented to all TCS students.
- **SPED Director Stephanie Costigan: No report**

5. Visitor/Faculty Statements:

6. Subcommittees:

7. Unfinished Business:

- FY 17 Budget - No change to report on SPED tuition, any change or new information will be reported in January.

- Discussion on fundraising by parents/teachers for 5th and 6th grade overnight trips. The trips are tied to curricular frameworks and have become a part of TCS culture, administration would like committee to consider budgeting for a part of the trips. Mike and Bob will update the committee on current budget for field trip transportation.

8. New Business:

- Confirmation of dates – Public Hearing January 12, 2016 at 5:15p.m. Budget task force meeting January 25, 2016, Mike and Terri will attend.
- **Tim Dickey moved to approve following as surplus MAICO Audiometer, TITMUS II – S Vision Screening machine, 1 Motorola single walkie talkie and 3 Maxon walkie talkies, second by Drew Locke, vote 3 – 0.**
- **Fundraising requests – Tim Dickey moved to approve the following fundraisers for the 5th and 6th grade class trips, Pamet Puma Bike challenge, BBall Tournament, Bowling, donation letters and a scratch ticket raffle, second by Drew Locke, vote 3 – 0.**
- **Bob requested a calendar change of a half day February 12, 2016 for staff development, Tim Dickey moved to approve, second by Drew Locke, vote 3-0.**

9. Other: None

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment: Tim Dickey moved to adjourn, second by Drew Locke, vote 3 – 0, meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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

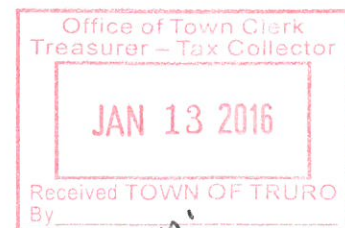
January 12, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy Rosenkampff

Kathy Rosenkampff, Secretary

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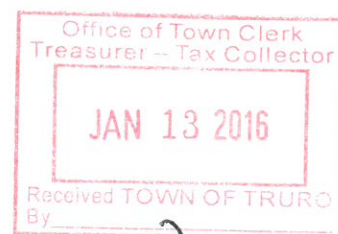
To: Truro School Committee
From: Michael Gradone, Superintendent
Date: October 20, 2015/December 15, 2015
Re: 2015-16 Goals *Updated*

I propose two goals for this year. Unless the Committee's goals send me in another direction, I expect they'll be:

1. Student Learning – That 90% of Truro students in grades 1-6 grow a full year in Reading proficiency as measured by the Benchmark assessment.
 - a. *November-December – confirm beginning achievement levels for all students grades 1-6*
 - b. *Late January – confirm that mid-year assessments have been done for all students. Confirm with Bob Beaudet that adjustments have been proposed to the instructional programs of all students not making satisfactory progress.*
 - c. *March – monitor progress of students whose programs were adjusted after mid-year assessment.*
 - d. *June – identify students who did not progress a full year. Consider with Bob and appropriate staff what program changes might reduce that number in 2016-17.*
2. Professional Practice – Continuous Learning of Staff – I will focus on professional development, and the impact of the teacher evaluation system on teacher performance.
 - a. *December - list P.D. programs 2014-date, including all participants.*
 - b. *January – With Bob, devise a means to measure the impact of each P.D. program (e.g., teacher ratings; specific instructional changes).*
 - c. *February – Monitor PLCs for their support for P.D. implementation, including increased collaboration.*
 - d. *April – Analyze the use of various staff (Academic Support and Special Education teachers, Educational Assistants) for changes in their instructional activities related to P.D.*
 - e. *June – survey staff for the effectiveness of P.D. to date, and anticipated needs in 2016-17 and beyond.*

Once the Committee has confirmed its goals for the year, I'll add specific activities to these two (or revise them appropriately).

Done.



To: Truro School Committee Members
From: Robert Beaudet, TCS Principal
Date: December 11, 2015

I briefly mentioned at a recent school committee meeting that securing the funds necessary for the overnight fieldtrips for grade 5 and 6 students was getting more and more difficult. I had several meetings last year and this year with TCS staff members and the TEEA about the large number of fundraisers that were needed to cover the expenses of the trips. This has caused a financial strain on some TCS families. The trips are part of the grade 5 and 6 curriculum. I am requesting a further discussion of the possibility of allocating some funds within future school budgets for these overnight fieldtrips. Thank you for your consideration.

Truro Central School

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Surplus

1. MAICO Audiometer
2. TITMUS II-S Vision Screening machine (complete with audio tape trainer)
(Both have long since been replaced by more modern versions.)

3. 1 - Motorola single walkie talkie and 3 - Maxon walkie talkies