Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022

Regular Session



Present: Kolby Blehm, Edwige Yingling, Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook (remote@5:20)

Absent: Vida Richter

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley (left @ 6:10 PM), Heather Harper (left @ 6:10 PM), Kathleen Rosenkampff

- 1. Call to Order: Kolby Biehm called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM
- 2. Public Comment: No comment
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Edwige Yingling moved to approve the June 16, 2022 minutes, second by Rachel Rowland roll call vote, 3 0.

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

- 4. Dates to remember: TSC meeting, August 25, 2022.
- 5. Administrator's reports
 - 5.1 Superintendent Costigan presented and reviewed a draft of 22 23 TSC goals.
 - #1.Policy Manual
 - #2. TSC Handbook
 - #3. Viability of 6th grade at TCS
 - #4. Support Superintendent in achieving district goals

Kolby Blehm asked for Safety Planning to be included. Ms. Costigan will provide a rough draft of the District Improvement Plan at the goals planning meeting, including safety planning.

Superintendent Costigan gave an overview of the Affirmative Action Policy adopted by the TSC on May 6, 2021. In addition, Ms. Costigan went over TCS's advertising and hiring procedures.

Dr. Kalise Wornum, an expert in cultural proficiency training, will conduct a PD session with staff on their first day back at school. The PD will discuss micro aggressions and how to respond. Dr. Kalise Wornum will be doing a presentation to families at a future date. TCS is in the process of creating an anti-bias tool to go over instructional materials to make sure they are reflective of the student population. Kolby Blehm has been talking to other community members on the Cape, and people are adding belonging to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Belonging is essential, and TSC's ultimate goal is to have all people feel welcome.

The South Coastal Education Collaborative was hired to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the TCS PK program. Ms. Costigan reviewed the evaluation with the TSC. Discussion ensued on different aspects of the report. The complete report is available for review.

The 22 - 23 school year PK handbook and student handbook will be presented at the next TSC meeting.

5.2 Principal report - Mr. Riley reported the current postings for the 22 - 23 school year are one long-term Kindergarten sub to cover the reassignment of the Kindergarten teacher to a co-teaching pilot in grade 4. The posting for a full-time Special Education teacher is to replace a teacher who accepted a position in another school. Interviews

are complete, the jobs have been offered and accepted, and paperwork is to be finalized before announcing names. Interviews are in progress for a Physical Education teacher. There are internal postings for a TAPS Director position and TAPS staff. There have been staff interviews for the director position with a recommendation pending.

5.3 Admin. of Business & Finance: Ms. Harper presented line item transfers for FY 22, so moved by Rachel Rowland, second by Peter Cook, vote 4 - 0.

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

Ms. Harper updated the TSC on the School lunch program. TCS qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision that will allow all students free breakfast and lunch for the next two years.

- 6. Subcommittees School Committee handbook The committee discussed the process of creating a TSC handbook. The committee recognizes that creating a manual is a long-term process.
- 7. New Business: Introduction to annual policy review The committee discussed creating a list of policies that should be reviewed annually with a review timeline during the school year. It will be on the September agenda.
- 8. Unfinished Business: MASC workshop for strategic planning to be scheduled.
- 9. Other: Mr. Riley will update the committee at the next TSC meeting on drop-off and pick-up procedures for the 22 23 school year.
- 10. Executive Session: None
- 11. Adjournment: Edwige Yingling moved to adjourn, second by Rachel Rowland roll call vote 4 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Truro School Committee Member

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