

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022

Regular Session



Present: Kolby Blehm, Edwige Yingling (5:14), Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook, Vida Richter (remote)

9/16/2022 @ 8:02 AM

Absent:

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Kathleen Rosenkampff

1. Call to Order: Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM

2. Public Comment: No comment

3. Approval of Minutes: Peter Cook moved to approve the July 21, 2022, minutes, second by Rachel Rowland roll call vote, 4 - 0.

Vida Richter - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

4. Dates to remember: TSC meeting to possibly be Thursday September 1, 2022

5. Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) - Field Director James Hardy hosted a two hour workshop on the process of setting TSC goals. School Committees establishing goals with the School Improvement Plan and Superintendent goals. The goals frame and structure works are to align goals with budget support, monitor progress of the goals with scheduled updates and ensure alignment. The two hour session can be viewed on www.truromass.org and the power point presentation is attached.

6. New Business: Approval of Student Handbook - Vida Richter moved to approve the 22 - 23 student handbook as presented, second by Peter Cook, discussion ensued. The committee discussed the dress code section of the handbook and whether some of the language was outdated, arbitrary and gender biased. The committee agrees the dress code should be based on safety. Superintendent Costigan stated the dress code is a TSC Policy. Superintendent Costigan suggested that as part of the Corrective Action for Tiered Monitoring Review that the Staff Code of Conduct Policy needs to be updated with the Student Dress Code Policy and to be on an upcoming policy subcommittee agenda. The committee will look at other districts' dress code policies. Once the dress code policy has been updated the Student Handbook will be redistributed to families in December. The committee would like the gender specific clothing items currently in the handbook to be deleted, and to keep the language related to safety. Vida Richter requested information on BMI testing for first and fourth grade students. Superintendent Costigan stated that BMI measures were a MA requirement. The parent receipt of reading the handbook should be at the beginning of the handbook rather than the end. On a roll call vote, 0 - 5.

Vida Richter - no

Edwige Yingling - no

Peter Cook - no

Rachel Rowland - no

Kolby Blehm - no

Peter Cook moved to approve the 22 - 23 Student Handbook as amended, second by Vida Richter, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Vida Richter - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

TCSFG September 17 and 18, 2022 Fundraiser - Vida Richter moved to approve the TCSFG fundraiser, second by Edwige Yingling, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Vida Richter - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Peter Cook - yes

Rachel Rowland - yes

Kolby Blehm - yes

7. Other: None

8. Executive Session: None

9. Adjournment: Rachel Rowland moved to adjourn, second by Peter Cook roll call vote 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21PM.

Vida Richter - yes

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

September 15, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:

Kath B. Staff

Peter J. Cook

Truro School Committee Member



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