

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2022

Regular Session

REMOTE SESSION



9/16/2022 @ 8:02 AM

Present: Kolby Blehm, Rachel Rowland, Peter Cook, Vida Richter (all members remote)

Absent: Edwige Yingling

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley, Kathleen Rosenkampff (all remote)

1. Call to Order: Kolby Blehm called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

2. Public Comment: No comment

3. Dates to remember: TSC Meetings September 15 and October 13.

4. Administrators Reports:

4.1 Superintendent Costigan reported a great opening with staff. After two years of Covid the focus will be on creating a sense of belonging. The PD presentation Dr Kalise Wornum on Cultural Proficiency was well received by the staff. Two part time specials teachers resigned to take full time jobs in other districts. The new part time PE teacher is Anthony Dinoia, the new part time music teacher is Frank Toppa. Sandra Biron has been hired as a long term substitute for Kindergarten for the school year. MacKenna Botelho has been hired as a special education teacher. Superintendent Costigan and Principal Riley feel well positioned to start the school year in terms of staffing. The administration has not been successful in finding staff for the TAPS program. There are ongoing interviews to fill the TAPS positions. The extended school year programs were very successful this summer with 38 students attending. TCS has been allocated \$60,000. in federal grant money and TCS is in the process of applying for the funds. Superintendent Costigan is in the process of applying for two additional grants. The first grant is for Literacy, TCS literacy programs are partially meeting state expectations, not fully. The grant is to help staff review the current literacy program and to move to a more balanced program that meets all state standards. The second grant is to replace failing kitchen equipment. Superintendent Costigan will pursue the disparity in Title 1 funding regarding federal and state calculations. There will be a summary of Title 1 funds at a future TSC meeting.

4.2 Principal Riley thanked the families that attended the Popsicle get together at Puma Park. Mr. Riley thanked the TCSFG for facilitating the get together. Mr. Riley stated the overarching theme at TCS will be creating a climate of community and a sense of belonging for everyone. The staff is reviewing Responsive Classroom language and techniques such as morning meetings, morning announcements and promoting a sense of community. The Positive Behavior Intervention Support strategies are in place with all students to be safe, respectable and responsible. The Dr. Kalise Wornum PD on Culturally Proficient Practices gave staff a deeper understanding of cultural differences. The staff will continue to work with Dr. Kalise throughout the school year. The PK staff will be participating in two full day training sessions on the Tools of the Mind Curriculum. The TOTM

curriculum training will include ongoing support through the school year with a dedicated coach. The grades 4 and 5 staff are participating in co teaching PD. The custodial staff Drew Locke and Jody Swaby with the help of two part time custodians worked hard all summer to get the building and classrooms ready for the first day of school.

5. Other: None

6. Executive Session: None

7. Adjournment: Peter Cook moved to adjourn, second by Vida Richter roll call vote 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Vida Richter - 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:



Truro School Committee Member



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