

Truro School Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

Regular Session

Present: Vida Richter, Peter Cook, Kenneth Oxtoby (4:47) , Tyler Medley, Edwige Yingling (remote)

Absent:

Others: Stephanie Costigan, Patrick Riley

1. **Call to Order:** Vida Richter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes:** None

4. **Dates to remember:** TSC work session November 1, 2023 @ 10 am. TSC regular session November 30, 2023 @ 4:30 PM. TSC regular session December 7, 2023 @ 4:30 PM. TSC regular session December 21, 2023 @ 4:30 PM.

5. Administrator's Reports:

5.1 **Superintendent** - Superintendent Costigan reported on MCAS results and accountability. Truro Central School state profile can be found on the DESE website. MCAS ELA scores for TCS are slightly ahead of the state. However there is a decline in TCS scores from last year. The Literacy Committee has determined the decline is due to writing, written expression. MCAS math scores at TCS have improved. MCAS Science 5th grade students did very well. The TCS accountability score for Truro has dropped to Requiring Assistance or Intervention. The accountability score is affected by families refusing to take part in MCAS.

Superintendent Goals 23 - 24 - Superintendent Costigan discussed each goal and the different strategies of TSC administration and staff to accomplish these goals.

Student Learning Goal #1 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

Goal - Throughout the 2023-24 school year, the Superintendent will empower educators and design opportunities to build and broaden the use of inclusive culturally responsive instructional strategies and increase the awareness and understanding of the role of social emotional learning in the classroom in order to create a school community where all students have a sense of belonging.

Impact: By increasing the sense of inclusivity, belonging, and cultural proficiency, student engagement and achievement will improve.

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Professional Practice Goal #2 - NSIP

Goal - The superintendent will participate in Year 3 of the New Superintendent Induction Program (NSIP) in order to develop skills in strategy development, data analysis, instructional leadership, leadership team development, and School Committee- Superintendent relations.

Impact - Through the completion of the Strategy for District Improvement, the School Committee will have an understanding of the educational direction for the district for the next 3-5 years. The District Strategy is a set of prioritized and deliberate actions we choose to pursue in order to improve the academic and social-emotional skills of all students and will drive instructional priorities, professional development, budget development, and the School Improvement Plan.

District Improvement Goal #3 - Communication and Family Engagement

Goal - Communication and engagement with Truro Central School families will increase to provide complete transparency in our processes, procedures, and sharing of important information.

Impact: By providing consistent communication regarding our processes, procedures, and the sharing of important information, while also providing opportunities for families to come together, family engagement will increase at TCS.

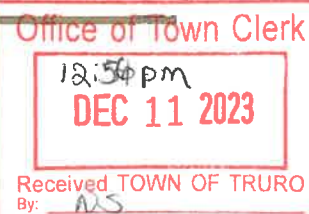
District Improvement Goal #4 - Professional Culture

Goal - The Superintendent will promote success for all students by nurturing and sustaining a school culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.

Impact: By improving structures and processes to focus on learning, efficiency, and outcomes in collaboration with the staff and the School Council, a School Improvement Plan for the next three years with a clearly defined set of goals aligning to the district strategy will be developed and implemented to promote success for all students.

5.2 Principal - Principal Riley reported parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 26 and October 27. October 27 is 12:00 dismissal for students. Curriculum night is scheduled for Thursday November 16, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. PK - Grade 2 presentations from 5:30 - 6:30. Grades 3 - 5 presentations from 6:00 - 7:00. Childcare will be available.

6. Subcommittees - Sixth grade subcommittee held a forum on Oct. 12. The committee received great feedback and the committee will create a 6th grade pamphlet for families to see the possibilities of



6th grade at TCS. Superintendent Costigan will reach out to Provincetown to discuss potential intermingling of 6th graders in sports and clubs.

7. New Business -

7.1 Vote to change the TSC warrant signature requirement from 3 members to 1 member, so moved by Kenneth Oxtoby, second by Tyler Medley, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Peter Cook - yes

7.2 Proposed amendment to school year calendar to reflect the observance of Veteran's Day on November 10, 2023, so moved by Kenneth Oxtoby, second by Tyler Medley, roll call vote 5 - 0.

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Peter Cook - yes

7.3 Accept a donation of \$232. in products from Nor'East beer Garden for science projects in preschool, so moved by Kenneth Oxtoby, second by Tyler Medley, roll call vote 4 - 0 - 1.

Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Vida Richter - abstained

Peter Cook - yes

8. Unfinished Business -None

9. Other - Truro Town Meeting is rescheduled to November 2, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

10. Executive Session - None

11. Adjournment: Tyler Medley moved to adjourn, second by Peter Cook roll call vote 5 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

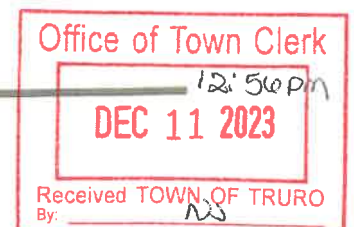
Kenneth Oxtoby - yes

Edwige Yingling - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Vida Richter - yes

Peter Cook - yes



These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on
Dec 7, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen B. [Signature]

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Truro School Committee Member

