

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2024, 4:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting
Truro Central School

AGENDA

Vida Richter - Chair - online
Peter Cook - Vice Chair - present
Edwige Yingling - absent
Kenneth Oxtoby - online
Tyler Medley - present

Superintendent - Stephanie Costigan
Principal - Patrick Riley
Recorder - Jody O'Neil

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

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2024, not submitted for approval

4. Dates to Remember: May 2, 2024 @ 5:30-7 Community Night
May 9, 2024 @ 4:30, School Committee meeting
May 23, 2024 @ 4:30, School Committee meeting

5. Administrators' Reports:

5.1 Superintendent: School choice numbers for 2024-25 school year, vote required

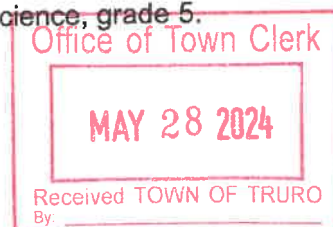
Superintendent Costigan announced available seats for the 2024-2025 school year from a maximum available of 18: K = 4; Grade 1 = 6, Grade 2 = 11, Grade 3 = 5, Grade 4 = 8, Grade 5 = 8, Grade 6 = 14.

A motion to approve School Choice seats for 2024-2025 as presented was made by Tyler Medley, seconded by Pete Cook, roll call, 4-0-0.

Tyler Medley - yes
Pete Cook - yes
Ken Oxtoby - yes
Vida Richter - yes

5.2 Principal Report: MCAS updates, upcoming field trips and events

Principal Riley reported that the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have participated in the English Language Arts MCAS, with Math & Science upcoming for grades 3-5. Final MCAS expected to complete on May 17 for Science, grade 5.



Events: The first year of Community Night is to feature nearly 20 organizations and is poised as a great opportunity for networking. Truromass.org will link to the most updated events information. Raw scores to be returned from MCAS by late July, scaled scores by mid-to-late August, public scores in late September,

6. Subcommittees: None reported.

7. New Business:

Lili Flanders, Climate Action Committee, Zero-Emission - First Vehicle

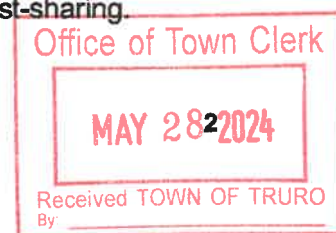
Bob Higgins-Steele spoke of Truro as a green community since the first actions in 2012/2013, now seeking to go further through Climate Leader Community, formerly 'Green Communities, 2.0.' Truro was referenced as having adopted a policy in reduction of emissions by 20% during the first five years of the plan and complying with the standards of the stretch energy code. Last year, Truro adopted a specialized code which only 31 communities in the State have employed. Accelerated grants now available, separate from other green grants. Bob Higgins-Steele praised Jarod Cabral of the DPW for green initiatives, and cited the new roof as an opportunity for climate compatible initiatives, to which Superintendent Costigan concurred in noting the current \$100k grant.

Vehicle Emission First policy expressed in terms of hierarchy: electric vehicles first, followed by the most fuel efficient gasoline vehicles; template to be supplied.

Lili Flanders shared the five markers to be met in order to be eligible for inclusion as a Climate Community Leader: 1., Qualify as a green community in good standing, of which Truro is one of only two such municipalities on the Cape; 2. Have a local governing body, such as a climate action committee and an energy committee; Truro has both; 3., Commit to eliminating on-site fossil fuel by 2050 - a State-wide commitment with overview in place; 4. Adopt a specialized building code, which was reported as having been completed.

Two things in the works: Creation of a municipal de-carbonization road map and adoption of a Zero Emission First policy. A letter from the School Superintendent is needed for this facilitation. It was noted that TCS has one of the first if not the largest solar arrays in town.

Superintendent Costigan asked if charging stations are included in these measures, related that she has heard about expensive charges for these stations that are causing issues. Bob said they would look into the matter and that the next charging stations are set for the Library and Community Center, and that towns are talking about combining resources and going in for cost-sharing.



Superintendent Costigan said a policy is being prepared for presentation at the next meeting. Ken Oxtoby asked if the main talking points of the policy can be included with the forthcoming draft. Vida Richter agreed, requested a summary.

First reading of policy sections E, F, G, H, and ZEV policy

Ken Oxtoby referenced eight policies that are in need of clarifications or minor edits which he gave to the Superintendent for the Sub-Committee to review.

A motion was made to move to a second reading of the policies E, F, G and H, by Ken Oxtoby, seconded by Tyler Medley, roll call, 4-0-0.

**Ken Oxtoby - yes
Tyler Medley - yes
Pete Cook - yes
Vida Richter - yes**

Sue Areson, Select Board Liaison, asked if a summary of the policies being voted on can be included in the Agenda going forward for the public's purview.. Vida Richter and Superintendent concurred.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Other: None.

10. Executive Session: None.

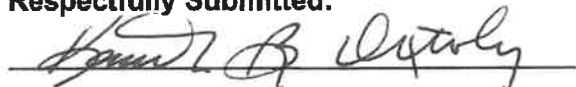
11. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02pm was made by Ken Oxtoby, seconded by Tyler Medley, roll call, 4-0-0.

**Ken Oxtoby - yes
Tyler Medley - yes
Pete Cook - yes
Vida Richter - yes**

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on May 23, 2024

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member

