

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2024, 4:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Vida Richter - Chair - *present*

Peter Cook - Vice Chair - *remote*

Amy Costa - *present*

Kenneth Oxtoby - *remote*

Tyler Medley - *remote*

Superintendent - Stephanie Costigan

Principal - Patrick Riley

Recorder - Jody O'Neil

1. Call to Order: Vida Richter opened the meeting at 4:35pm, gave roll call.

2. Public Comment: None reported,

3. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2024, July 18, 2024

A motion was made by Ken Oxtoby to approve the TCS meeting minutes of July 11, 2024 and July 18, 2024, seconded by Tyler Medley, roll call 5-0-0.

Vida Richter - yes

Pete Cook - yes

Ken Oxtoby - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Amy Costa - yes

4. Dates to Remember: School Committee Meetings for 2024-25 school year

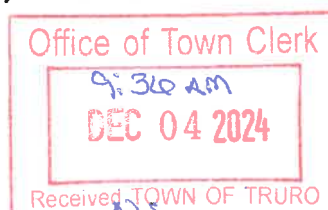
September 12, 2024	January 23, 2025
October 3, 2024	February 13, 2025
November 14, 2024	March 13, 2025
December 5, 2024	April 10, 2025
December 19, 2024	May 8, 2025
January 9, 2025	June 12, 2025

5. Administrators' Reports:

5.1 Superintendent:

Mold Remediation

Superintendent Costigan addressed an update on mold remediation from roof leaks at the end of last year over the two small rooms adjacent to the Art & Science Room, with a wall divider and skylights. After the inspection found mold, the wing was closed down for the first week of school and sealed off, ceiling tiles and sheet rock pulled down, and the mold removed.



Next step is to bring in a contractor to restore order over the next couple of weeks. Affected rooms activities relocated to an old second grade classroom.

Staffing

Pre-school last year was reduced to one classroom, a couple of additional registration adding to the pupil count of 16. All teachers from last year remain in the same assignments with the exception of grades 4 and 5 which no longer use the co-teaching model. Teaching, Instructional and Specialist faculty were identified by grade and class. Nine educational assistants were reported last year, seeking one position. Staffing list to be updated and provided next month.

Student class sizes: Pre-school, 16 enrolled with 2 pending; Kindergarten, 12; 1st Grade, 12; 2nd grade, 6; 3rd grade, 11; 4th grade, 9; 5th grade, 10.

Pre-school Playground

Pre-school playground opens officially today. The rubber surface, riding track, and a sandbox replaced the garden on the inside of the track. Garden relocated to outside the sandbox. Playground is open to the public as it was funded with CPC funds. Open House is Thursday, Sept. 19, 6pm, starting in the gym, ribbon-cutting ceremony.

5.2 Principal Report: 2024–25 School Year opening

Principal Riley reported one of the smoothest school openings he has ever experienced. Cooperative projects launched on the first day of school, including a hand-banner currently being colorized and which will be displayed in the lobby. School dance party on Friday at the end of the week to kick things off for the first week back in session. Open House planned for next week. Payomet Circus appearance scheduled for tomorrow, to tie in with the Ocean Guardian Program. Activities planned for every week in September. Continuation of Wellness Committee goals and program partners.

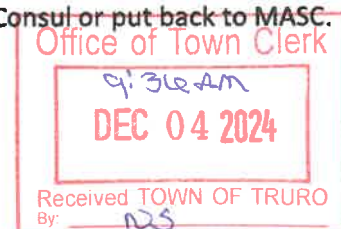
6. Subcommittees: None reported.

7. New Business:

First reading of policy sections K and L

First reading of the last two policy sub-sects, K and L, follows the Policy Subcommittee meeting last Tuesday. Change made to Policy KF as relates to REGULATIONS COVERING THE USE OF THE BUILDING BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS, language cleaned up to match; missing numbers for profit and non-profit and accompanying fees added; #17 added regarding certificate of insurance. "TCS Family Group" in title replaces the former "TEEA." No changes to Section L.

Amy Costa suggested additional, specific language in terms of vetting for Section KCB: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING, which Superintendent Costigan explained. Amy Costa suggested adding "credential" wordage to Section KDD. Ken Oxtoby said this raises a good question and might be a good item to run by Town Consul or put back to MASC.



Amy Costa asked if the School District actively seeks out education agencies as pertains to Section LA, to which Superintendent Costigan gave examples of how such contracts are made.

A motion was made by Amy Costa to move Policy Sections K and L to a second reading, seconded by Ken Oxtoby. No roll call.

8. Unfinished business:

Ken Oxtoby asked if Title 9 policies need to be addressed through MASC and mentioned the upcoming MASC conference, Nov. 6-9, which Superintendent Costigan said is usually held in Hyannis and a really good conference with presentations offered prior to attendance.

Superintendent Costigan asked if the TSC wished to schedule a workshop to discuss goals. Oct. 3 at 3:30pm in the Annex was set, with Tyler Medley remote; a link to be provided.

9. Other: None reported.

10. Executive Session: Not engaged.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ken Oxtoby to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Amy Costa, roll call, 5-0-0.

Vida Richter - yes

Pete Cook - yes

Ken Oxtoby - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Amy Costa - yes

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Truro School Committee at their meeting on
November 14 2024

Respectfully Submitted:



Truro School Committee Member

