

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 3, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Truro Central School

Annex

TSC Workshop: 3:30pm

TSC meeting: 4:30pm

Vida Richter - Chair - *present*

Peter Cook - Vice Chair - *present*

Amy Costa - *remote*

Kenneth Oxtoby - *absent*

Tyler Medley - *remote*

Superintendent - Stephanie Costigan

Principal - Patrick Riley

Recorder - Jody O'Neil

Workshop Agenda @ 3:30 pm. *Re-scheduled to 3:30pm, Nov. 14, 2024, prior to the regular meeting.*

1. Call to Order:

2. Work Session Agenda - 2024-25 school committee goals workshop

3. Adjournment

School Committee Meeting Agenda @ 4:30 pm.

1. Call to Order Chair Vida Richter called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.

2. Public Comment: None reported.

3. Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2024

A motion was made by Pete Cook to approve the TSC meeting minutes of August 8, 2024, seconded by Tyler Medley, roll call 4-0-0.

Vida Richter - yes

Pete Cook - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Amy Costa - yes

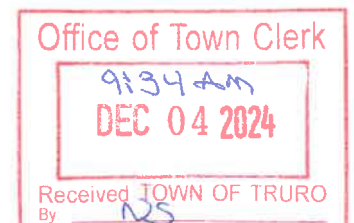
4. Dates to Remember: October 1, 2024 - All School mtg on Farm to School Program

October 7, 2024 @ 8 a.m. - Bagels and Coffee by TCSFG

October 24 & 25, Family Conferences

October 25, 2024 Family Breakfast, 8 a.m.

October 30, 2024 Half Day for Professional Development



**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: MCAS

Executive Search Committee for CCC Director

Superintendent Costigan gave an update on the Executive Search Committee's efforts to secure a Director for the Cape Cod Collaborative. The Committee, on which Superintendent Costigan also serves, is composed of 11 people, including CCC Board members, superintendents and directors of student services. Fourteen initial applicants were narrowed down to eight and following interviews, the candidates were whittled down to three very strong candidates. Final interviews are scheduled for October 10 at 5pm, to be conducted by a group of about 18, including 13 liaisons for all districts and CCC Board members.

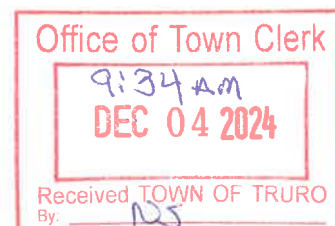
District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP)

The DCAP, as required by law for all districts, was presented to assist in general education programs, updated from the previous version devised about 20 years ago, recently amended to include the School Council which is digesting the current Plan, featuring Mission Statement, Core Values and Vision. Feedback is forthcoming. Other chapters include Accommodations, which signifies *how* students learn and three tiers of support, which Vida Richter said is a good reference or guide. Superintendent Costigan continued with topics: Professional Learning Teams, Mentoring for New Teachers, Family Engagement, Staff Meetings, Leadership Team - which meets every Monday, Literacy Team, Social, Emotional, Behavioral Team (SEB), Assisting Children and Teachers (ACT). DCAP was submitted for review to the Department of Education.

Susan Girard-Irwin from the public (Truro Select Board Liaison) asked who prepared the plan, was it peer-viewed and does it require approval from the Department of Education; checks and balances, and how frequently will it be reviewed going forward. Superintendent Costigan replied that the DCAP is a living document which must be reviewed and renewed periodically as well as reside on the TCS website; she drafted the document herself and invites feedback from TSC and the School staff.

MCAS

MCAS will be revisited in November with MCAS scores to be shared. 2024 Official Accountability Report: overall classification requires assistance or intervention - same as last year - based on



low participation rate, or low class sizes, with two students opting out. State has since put out resources to help families understand the importance of participating in the MCAS.

Overall accountability score is at 47, consistent with last year's score, numbers showing increases by categories, progress shown in decreased absenteeism. English Language Arts showing a slight decline, while Math has improved, Science level.

Superintendent Costigan will be sending out a communication highlighting the importance of attendance and added that this is also a state-wide initiative.

5.2 Principal Report:

Open House

Great turn-out for Open House in the gym, attendance highlighted along with Ocean Wellness and Guardian Program. Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground postponed due to rain.

Ocean Guardianship Kick-off

Last Wednesday, students k-5 took a trip to Head of the Meadow and Coastguard Beach for an hour of clean-up. Data collection and ongoing practices were recorded and items laid out on re-purposed or discarded sails. Efforts are underway to strengthen external outreach.

School Council

First meeting was held this past Monday with new members, Rachel Boutlier (sp) and Edwidge Yingling, formerly of the TSC; main two topics included DCAP and ways to utilize the community room in the main lobby by the cafeteria.

6. Subcommittees: None reported..

7. New Business: None reported.

8. Unfinished Business: Second reading of policy section K and section L, vote to adopt may be taken
A motion was made by Amy Costa to adopt Section K and Section L as posted in the Agenda, seconded by Tyler Medley, roll call 4-0-0.

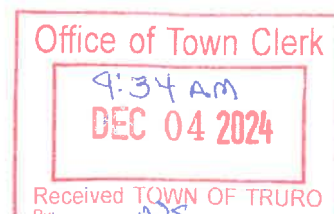
Vida Richter - yes

Pete Cook - yes

Tyler Medley - yes

Amy Costa - yes

Jim Hardy will digitize the policy, and it will be reviewed by the TSC at a future meeting.
Superintendent Costigan said the Collins Center will be discussed next month, and she is meeting with the Center tomorrow morning. Principal Riley announced there is an opening on the School Council for a Community Member - typically someone who does not have a student in the school



system - and shared that there will be a write-up in the Provincetown Independent on the Farm-to-School Program.

9. Other: None reported.

10. Executive Session: Not engaged.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pete Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm, seconded by Amy Costa, roll call, 4-0-0.

Vida Richter - yes

Pete Cook - 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

