



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft

Monday, April 3, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Seth Westbrook, Justin Shipman, Patti Kuzmickas, Jenny Hewitt – Teacher Representative, Lisa Sjostrom – Principal, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to order: 6:38 PM

II. Elections and Appointments

Jody Eaton nominated Seth Shaw for Chair of TPVS Board. Seth discussed wanting to have others from the board attend the WCSU meetings so that he wouldn't have to be at every single one. The board decided that this was a good idea and that they would rotate members to attend the WCSU meetings each month. There were no other nominations and Seth Shaw was unanimously nominated and accepted the position.

Justin Shipman nominates Seth Westbrook for Vice Chair of TPVS Board. There were no other nominations and Seth Westbrook was unanimously nominated and accepted the position.

Seth Shaw nominates Jody Eaton for Clerk of TPVS Board. There were no other nominations and Jody Eaton was unanimously nominated and accepted the position.

Operational Decisions –

The board has approved TPVS Board Meeting Schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year and added meetings on August 28, 2017, January 4, 2018, and March 5, 2018.

The board discussed Adopting VSBA Code of Ethics and will take action at the next meeting.

III. Amendments to the Agenda:

Executive Session to discuss parent request

IV. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 6, 2017

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Justin Shipman

V. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

VI. Action/Discussion:

TPVS Board will keep meeting time at 6:30 PM

VII. Reports

1. Operations Report –Seth Westbrook updated the board on replacing the multipurpose room lighting with new bulbs, a rebate that we qualify for, and the installation fee. Lisa will go over the budget and see if we have room for this upgrade. Seth also mentioned that the bridge behind the school needs to be repaired.
2. Food Service Report – The Culinary Advisory Team (CAT) had their first meeting last week. CAT is off to a great start and Lisa thanked the team with a special shout out to Chef Randall for his energy and creativity.
3. Principal's Report – Lisa Sjostrom thanked the entire staff for helping out with Spring Fling. This is a very successful endeavor for all involved - children, staff, and community members. There has been a Second grade hire, Heather Durkle. She and her husband hiked the entire Appalachian Trail last year. She comes with great management skills, a positive and upbeat attitude, and a lot of outdoor experience. Lisa said that she is a powerhouse and a good fit for our school.
4. Staff Report – Jenny Hewitt is piloting Math Investigations 3 with the help of Kathy Ernst (who Jenny says is AMAZING). The new materials are beautiful, design-wise, and student/teacher friendly. This is a high quality tool for teachers that TPVS will be purchasing for the 2017-2018 school year.

Several classes have been doing SBAC interim assessments in Math and ELA. There has been meaningful data obtained from these assessments. Katie Jacobsen and Kathy Ernst will be presenting at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) annual conference in San Antonio, TX, this week. Great work, Katie and Kathy!

Grades K-4 went to Montshire Museum and had an amazing day last week. The 4th graders were able to see their sound display. Jenny said that the partnership with the Montshire has been a powerful teaching/learning tool.

5. Board Report- Justin Shipman asked Lisa Sjostrom to report on TPVS Action Plan at the next meeting. The Board has decided to schedule a retreat to discuss TPVS mission on April 24, 2017. Seth Shaw will warn the meeting. Act 46 is in a holding pattern until the state recognizes us as a new board.

We are happy to announce that we have hired a new Principal, Barbara Reynolds. Barbara has a home in Waterbury, VT, which she will be returning to in June. She is currently the Assistant Principal at Saigon South International School in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She has been an educator in Qatar, Egypt, E. Timor, Kazakhstan, Romania, Sri Lanka, Greece, and of course, Vermont. We welcome her to our school and look forward to her energy and knowledge.

Jenny Hewitt suggested that TPVS staff and Barbara have a team building/professional development meeting in late June or early July.

VIII. Agenda Setting for December Meeting - add VSBA Code of Ethics adoption please

IX. Executive Session to discuss parent request – 7:10-7:12 PM

X. Adjournment – 8:33 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, May 1, 2017 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, April 10, 2017 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room