



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, November 7, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Seth Westbrook, Justin Shipman, Josh Gregg, Patti Kuzmickas, Allison Greene – Teacher Representative, Lisa Sjostrom – Principal, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools, Richard Seaman – Director of Finance

I. Call to order: 6:35 PM

The Board welcomes Patti Kuzmickas, who replaces Bob Coates on the board for Pomfret.

II. Amendments to the Agenda:

Accept a Retirement Letter

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 3, 2016

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Justin Shipman

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

1. Act 46 Update – Justin Shipman, a member of TPVS board and the Act 46 study committee, updated all present. The board discussed how each community has reacted to the Act 46 information and how a vote of yes will change each school and board. Will there be school choice? The Act 46 study committee needs to have more forums to discuss complications/challenges, etc. There is worry among teachers in terms of who will remain employed. Will all teachers need to be unionized?

The mission of the Act 46 Study Committee is to equalize the playing field. There are different degrees of preparedness among each incoming 7th grade class. Teachers have to play catch up for the first half of the year. If we lessen the inequities in the elementary schools, then our Middle Schoolers will be able to hit the ground running when they enter 7th grade. We need to increase attendance at the next meetings – list serve, front porch forum, letter to the editor, Facebook.

Local Forums – your chance to learn more and get involved

Bridgewater: 12/15/16

Reading: 11/15/16

2. Review YTD financials – Richard presented TPVS Revenue and Expense Report to the board.

3. Pre-K Budgeting for FY 18 – Alice, Lisa, and Jody met prior to the board meeting to discuss Pre-K considerations and some comparisons. At this point, we have decided that for various reasons such as cost, spacing, and staff, we will not open a Pre-K in our school. Our plan is to have TPVS Pre-K licensing in place for future use if and when we have enough Pre-K aged children to create a fiscally responsible in house program.

4. Establish Announced Tuition Rate –

Motion to set TPVS tuition rate for fiscal year 2018 to \$11,500

Moved – Justin Shipman

Seconded – Josh Gregg

5. Accept a Retirement Letter -

Motion to accept, with heartfelt gratitude, Barb Leonard's letter of retirement

Moved – Justin Shipman

Seconded – Josh Gregg

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report –Seth updated the board on replacing the Gym lighting and some of the flooring throughout TPVS along with various energy grants.

2. Food Service Report - none

3. Principal's Report –

Programming

Action Plan: teacher input/collaborative inquiry model in math

Jr. Iron Chef

Rock Climbing Club – Leader needed

Personnel

Michelle Hough contract – finalize/signatures

Nurse MOU – finalize/signatures

Math Intervention – Lisa

Upcoming Events/Dates

Mon – Thurs, Nov 7-10 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (Student-led, Gr. 4)

Tues – Wed, Nov 8-9 – EQR (Educational Quality Review) VT Agency of Education Team Visit

Wed, Nov 16, 3 pm, Library – PTO meeting, all welcome

Fri, Nov 18, 8 am, Gym – K Presentation, Morning Assembly

Fri, Nov 30, 8 am, Library – Real Estate Broker Breakfast

Mon, Dec 5, 6:30 pm, Library – TPVS School Board Meeting

Fri, Dec 9, 8 am, Gym – Gr 2 Presentation, Morning Assembly

Wed, Dec 14, 6:30 pm, Gym – Snow Biz: All-School Winter Concert

Fri, Dec 16, 8 am, Gym – Gr 4 Presentation, Morning Assembly

Fri, Dec 16, 10 am, Lebanon Opera House – Gr 1-6: Amahl & The Night Visitors: Opera North

4. Staff Report - none

5. Board Report- none

VII. Agenda Setting for December Meeting

Action/Discussion Items – TPVS Mission Statement

VIII. Adjournment – 9:07 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, December 5, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, November 14, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – WCSU Conference Room