



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, November 2, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Greg Greene, Justin Shipman, Jody Eaton, Seth Shaw, Bob Coates, Jennifer Gieseke, Barb Leonard– 2nd Grade Teacher, Lisa Sjostrom – The Prosper Valley School Principal, Richard Seaman – Director of Finance and Operations, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to order: 6:04 PM

II. No minutes to approve from October 5, 2015

III. Visitor – Nancy Robinson

IV. Action/Discussion:

Update/Status Reports:

Kitchen – Richard Seaman informed the board that Upland Construction thinks that the kitchen renovation will be completed by November 20th. The painting is done as well as the installation of the overhead hood and the pass through. We will soon be receiving equipment. The board discussed laying a new floor in the hallway because it is lifting away due to no vapor barrier when the floor was originally laid. We will try to get by with our current flooring until next year.

Food Service – Lisa and Jody will be reviewing the information that we received from The Abbey Group and Fresh Picks. They will choose which Food Service vendor is best for TPVS.

Motion to authorize Lisa Sjostrom to select the Food Service vendor from the food applicants

Moved – Greg Greene
Seconded – Seth Shaw



Operations – A plowing bill was received at school for the 2015/16 winter plowing season from the town of Pomfret. The town has decided to contract out the plowing for TPVS. The town would like the board to share some of the cost with the town of Bridgewater.

Mt. Tom Farmer’s Market is interested in moving their market to our school grounds, in the field next to our overflow parking lot.

Grade 5 Teacher hire:

Lisa made an offer today to Erin Webster. Erin has accepted the position and will begin on January 4, 2016 through the end of the school year. Sarah Woodhead was hired as a 5th grade long-term substitute from November 16 until Erin begins.

Establish Announced Tuition Rate for FY17:

The Board will publish TPVS tuition rate for FY17 at \$9000.00.

Motion to set the FY17 tuition to \$9000.00

Moved: Seth Shaw

Seconded: Bob Coates

All policy discussions have been tabled

V. Reports:

Principal – Lisa updated the board on walkthrough observations, the Halloween extravaganza at school, the school mascot contest, and the grade 5 teacher hires. Tara Mumford has been hired as an ELL teacher.

Lieutenant Bill Jenkins, a State Police Officer from Royalton, met with Lisa to discuss security at TPVS. He suggested that we have a backup emergency shelter. Lisa suggested that we talk to Billings Farm/National Park. Lisa also suggested that we have a camera at the front door at TPVS.

The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values would like to team up with TPVS. “The Center is dedicated to inquiry, dialogue, and education on the ethical and humane dimensions of life. The Center is a collaborative and nonpartisan think tank focusing on the development of interdisciplinary research and programs in varied fields of knowledge, from



science and technology to education and international relations. Our programs emphasize responsibility and examine meaningfulness and moral purpose between individuals, organizations, and societies.”

Board – The Prosper Valley Trust will pay the Chippers bill for the tree removal at the new greenhouse site. Greg would like to bring together a formal discussion with Lisa, a check in and review and goal setting meeting. Richard reviewed TPVS budget information. We will meet on November 16th for a budget meeting at WCSU Conference Room. The 2015 Harvest Supper profited \$5205.69.

VI. Adjournment at 7:30 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS - Monday, December 7, 2015 @ 6:00 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, November 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room

TPVS Budget Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2015 @ 5:30 PM – WCSU Conference Room