



**THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, April 4, 2016 @ 6:00 PM**

**Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Bob Coates, Justin Shipman, Lisa Sjostrom –
Principal, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools**

I. Call to order: 6:08 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda: no amendments

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 7, 2016

Moved: Seth Shaw

Seconded: Justin Shipman

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

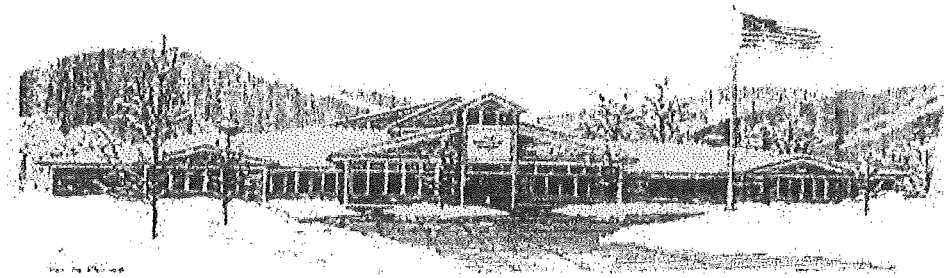
1. Elect Board Clerk

Seth Shaw nominates Jody Eaton as Board Clerk. Jody Eaton accepts with enthusiasm 😊.

Motion to approve Jody Eaton as Board Clerk

Moved: Bob Coates

Seconded: Justin Shipman



2. Approve changes to FY17 meeting schedule for publication and distribution

Motion to approve TPVS board meeting schedule for FY17

Moved: Bob Coates

Seconded: Justin Shipman

3. Consider/Adopt VSBA's Code of Ethics

Signed and Adopted

4. Establish Vision and Goals

The board will establish their core principals, vision and mission and then put a plan of action into place. The board will send Seth Shaw and Lisa Sjostrom their top 3 vision points and then come to the next meeting with a deeper understanding and ability to talk through those points. Seth Shaw will be the board point person for all newspaper interviews and questions.

5. Pre-Kindergarten

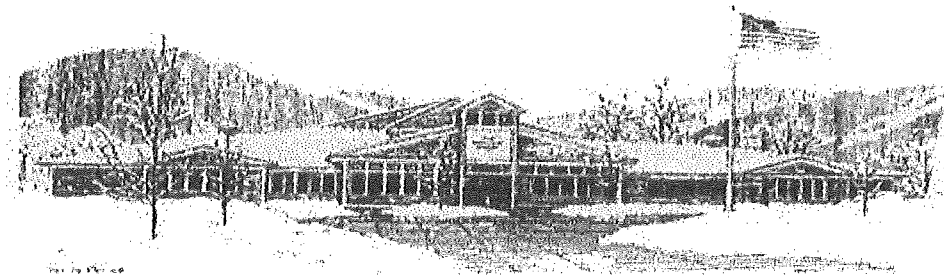
TPVS was approved by the Agency of Education on Feb. 19, 2016. TPVS still needs to get approval by the Children's Development Division. The application is submitted and the site visit has already taken place. Lisa will check on where the school is regarding STARRS. Lisa recommends that TPVS not open a program this year but be ready for an in-school Pre-K program if the need arises.

VI. Reports

1. Operation's Report

Chic MacMaster met last week with Norm Etkind from the School Energy Management Program. Norm's suggestions are straightforward, sensible, doable -- maintaining optimal HVAC control settings, reducing plug loads, conscientiously turning off unneeded lights and, at some point, replacing the expensive halogen lamps in the gymnasium.

Chic is now following up with Efficiency Vermont as well for a second building/energy assessment. It will be useful to have the two reports in hand and then decide on next steps.



2. Food Service Report

Jaca and Randall will give the board monthly or bimonthly reports on numbers.

3. Principal's Report

Lisa spoke about Creating an Ethical and Inclusive School Community: The Transformative Teachers and Parents Program at The Prosper Valley School. The board was encouraged to talk to parents about this amazing opportunity to work with The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT.

4. Staff Report

TPVS is in the process of finding a Grade 5 teacher. Lisa has 3 great candidates. She will be having each do math demonstrations to show their style and abilities. Lisa received a notice from Katrina Gedney that she will be leaving our school after this school year to teacher closer to home. She will be greatly missed. Thank you, Katrina, for your dedication and drive.

5. Board Report

Justin Shipman encouraged the board to attend the WCSU meeting on Monday, April 18 at 6:30 pm to discuss Act 46.

VII. Agenda Setting for May Meeting

VIII. Executive Session to discuss personnel

7:28- - 8:25 PM

IX. Adjournment at 8:50 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, May 2, 2016 @ 6:00 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, April 18, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – WCSU Conference Room