



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, August 1, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Bob Coates, Seth Westbrook, Justin Shipman, Josh Gregg, Lisa Sjostrom (via Skype) – Principal, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to order: 6:46 PM

Seth Shaw welcomed Josh Gregg to the board.

II. Amendments to the Agenda: no amendments

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 6, 2016.

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Bob Coates

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

1. Petition to Increase VSBA Representation on the VEHI Board – Unanimous approval from both Bridgewater and Pomfret to sign as members of VEHI Dental. All 6 school board members signed the petition.

2. Update on Custodial Hire – see Principal's Report

3. Staff Approval–

Motion to approve the wage and time increases for staff as presented

Moved: Bob Coates

Seconded: Jody Eaton

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report- \$15,872 is remaining in the kitchen project fund from the original \$20,000 (\$10,000 from TPS and \$10,000 from BVS). Each district will warn voter approval use of the surplus from the kitchen project. Lisa Sjostrom will ask Chic to develop and draft out a 5 year plan for upgrades to TPVS, such as flooring, lightning, etc.

2. Food Service Report- none

3. Principal's Report-

Programming

a) Camerata New England Strings Program: January 2017 launch

Is there interest in adding a cello program at TPVS? Grades 2-3, 4-6

b) Ethical Leadership Project/Center for Ethics: postponed due to lack of funding

Is there interest in collaborating with Artistree to pilot mindfulness in two classrooms? (1-2?)

c) TPVS and Barnard Academy, along with 14 other schools in the Upper Valley, will be partnering with The Montshire Museum to bring exciting, science-based buddy programs to our children, teachers, and families.

Personnel

a) Teacher Hires

- Eileen Guyette – Special Education teacher, .9 ; Math Intervention, .1
- Jessica Langlois – Librarian, .2

b) Upper Valley Cleaning: Custodial Services; start week of 8/15 with deep clean

TPVS Goals/Vision

1. TPVS Action Plan – focus on skillful teaching and academic excellence/SBAC analysis
2. Kathy Ernst and Aimee Toth: Summer Math/Literacy coaching
3. Website: Marie Cole, Lisa Sjostrom, Jody Eaton

What 4-6 core values/convictions would Board like to emphasize?

Facilities Update

- Kiln move
- Title I/ELL/Math intervention room
- Flooring: kitchen hallway, front foyer, 1 classroom?
- Front of building: TPVS Signage, repairs

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, August 8 Community email: introduce new faculty, start of school, etc.
- Mon, August 29 Back to School Picnic
- Wed, August 31 First day of school for students

4. Staff Report - none

5. Board Report – Each member of the school board will determine a few core values that they feel will be important to the development of TPVS Action Plan. The board will email their ideas to each other. Lisa Sjostrom will be included in these emails.

VII. Agenda Setting for September Meeting – The board will be changing the meeting time from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Please include discussion of the Maintenance Fund. Please add Act 46 update to the reports. All other agenda items will be the same.

VIII. Adjournment – 8:43 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, September 12, 2016 @ 6:00 PM – TPVS Library
WCSU – Monday, August 29, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – WCSU Conference Room