



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

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

I. Call to order: 5:35 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda:

Motion to amend the agenda

Moved: Seth Shaw

Seconded: Jody Eaton

Principal Search Committee to Action/Discussion Items

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 5, 2017 and January 24, 2017

Moved: Jody Eaton

Seconded: Patti Kuzmickas

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

1. School Mission and Core Convictions – Lisa Sjostrom reviewed TPVS Faculty Brainstorming worksheet with the board. The board was pressed for time during the meeting so didn't get a chance to nail down any solid cornerstones/core convictions. Some ideas discussed were TPVS is a Learning Laboratory, The World is our Classroom, Personalized Teaching & Learning, and We Raise Ethical Leaders. More to come.

2. Logo and School Branding Identity – We discussed what our school brand might look like and how to develop a new look for our website. We will continue working on developing both.

3. Accept Resignation -

Motion to formally accept the resignation of Deanne Fitzpatrick from her position at the Prosper Valley School with gratitude for her service

Moved: Jody Eaton

Seconded: Seth Shaw

4. Policy Adoptions – proposed policies - **tabled**

5. Principal Search Committee –
Committee Mission

The Prosper Valley School Board charges the TPVS Search Committee with the authority to guide the initial phase of the principal search process. This process shall start on February 3, 2017 when the position will be posted and follow the published timeline established by the Superintendent and Board.

The Search Committee shall work with the WCSU Superintendent to complete the search process. The Search Committee shall identify up to three candidates who meet the criteria established by the Search Committee and/or the Board. The Search Committee shall provide input on candidate experience, specific skills, and related background details following completion of the initial process, but shall not rank order the candidate list. The Superintendent and School Board will interview finalist candidates put forward by the Committee. The Superintendent will recommend one finalist candidate to the School Board for employment.

The School Board will establish Screening Committee membership. The Committee shall be co-chaired by two School Board members.

Committee Membership (9 total)

- (3) Board Members – Patti Kuzmickas and Jody Eaton
- (2) Classroom teachers - one from the primary grades and one from the upper grades
- (2) Parents: one representing Bridgewater and one Pomfret
- (1) Central Office Director
Superintendent

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report – none
2. Food Service Report – The Abbey Group has made a new hire, Assistant to our Chef.
3. Principal's Report – TPVS will be launching The Prosper Valley Players, a K-6 after-school drama program, led by Katie Jacobsen, beginning March 9th. The Spring Fling Seminars that were a huge success last year will begin again soon. Seminars will include photography, running, VINS, Iron Chef, greenhouse, dance, dog training, cartoon studies, This I Believe podcasts, among others. 3rd through 6th grade teachers have implemented Interim SBACs. TPVS has formed a CAT (Culinary Advisory Team) that will be meeting monthly. The CAT will work together to try to answer the following questions.

How can we ensure that TPVS students are eating the most nutritious and delicious foods at breakfast and lunch?

How can we support our students' access to locally-sourced ingredients?

How can we work to expand our students' palates and sense of adventurous eating?

How might we make our meal program even better with greater student *and* adult participation?

4. Staff Report - none
5. Board Report- Jody will research an existing Community Credit Union account.

VII. Agenda Setting for March Meeting

VIII. Adjournment – 6:58 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room