



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft

Monday, June 5, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Seth Westbrook, Justin Shipman, Patti Kuzmickas, Josh Gregg, Rob Hanson – Teacher Representative, Lisa Sjostrom – Principal

I. Call to order: 6:39 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda:

Action/Discussion – Future meeting with Business Office to reconcile budget questions, TPVS website, Kitchen Fund, Culvert

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: May 1, 2017

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Justin Shipman

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

Abby Group Contract Renewal for FY18 – Seth Shaw will speak with Richard Seaman about the contract.

Appointment of Staff – We have hired our new Kindergarten Teacher. Joseph Boisvert comes to us from The Ella Baker School in NYC. Michelle Hough will be on maternity leave at the beginning of next school year. Missy Middleton will be our substitute one-on-one Para-Educator for 6 weeks.

Ideas to welcome our new principal, Barbara Reynolds – On June 28th, Barbara and TPVS Staff will be meeting at school for the first time, in person. The staff feel that Barbara is a great fit for our school. The teachers are looking forward to their “retreat” and will be developing an agenda, with the help of Barbara.

Business Office Meeting – Some members of the School Board will be meeting with Richard Seaman, Nancy Robinson, and Ellen DesMuelles to review invoicing to each town and how each town accounts for it. The meeting will be held on June 26th at 11 am.

TPVS website – Jody Eaton and Lisa Sjostrom will meet to go over the plan.

Kitchen Fund – Seth Shaw will discuss with Richard Seaman.

Culvert – Greg Greene spoke with Art Lewin about the Town of Pomfret fixing the outgoing portion of TPVS parking lot, directly next to the road. Art would like to extend the culvert and have TPVS pay for the culvert while he takes care of the work. TPVS has decided that we will not have Art fix it at this time. We thank Art for his input.

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report – New lighting has been installed in the Multi-Purpose Room and is amazing. Great work to all involved in researching and installing. Upper Valley Cleaning will do a deep clean this summer throughout TPVS. Three contractors have bid on the flooring project – Barre Tile, Valley Tile, and Michael Hirschbuhl. TPVS will update the Student/Parent Handbook and the Emergency Management Manual.
2. Food Service Report – Renew Abbey Group Contract
3. Principal's Report – Lisa shared the new personnel hires, building updates, and 2017-18 Goals. She will be updating TPVS Action Plan before leaving for her new position as principal at The Ray School.
4. Staff Report – The end of the year is here and there is a lot happening. 2nd and 3rd graders are going to go to Burlington to visit The Shelburne Museum and ECHO. 4th graders will be spending a day snorkeling. Graduation is on Tuesday the 13th at 6:30 at TPVS. This year our 6th graders have given the gift of 2 apple trees to our school. Thank you to each and every 6th grade student! Finnie Trimpi has worked very hard on the yearbook. Thank you, Finnie!

Several Staff members will be attending a Responsive Classroom Workshop in Morrisville, VT from 8/8/17-8/11/17. Thank you, staff! Seth Westbrook has received an award for his WAMBA work building much needed mountain bike trails in our area. TPVS footbridge needs to be replaced and some dead trees need to be removed so that we can resume our outdoor learning.

TPVS staff is very appreciative of Lisa Sjoström's two years as principal and thank her for her dedication, intelligence, and her ability to bring 2 schools together in an amazingly smooth way. Rob said that TPVS is in a great space in terms of our school being a very special place to be.

5. Board Report- The board thanked Lisa for her hard work, creativity, and head down drive. We would not be the school we are today without her leadership. Lisa built our new school and now it is Barbara's turn to really move it. Lisa thanked the board and said that we have a staff of really strong teachers with similar core values.

VII. Agenda Setting for August Meeting - same

VIII. Adjournment – 8:10 PM – closing poem – The Country by Billy Collins

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, August 7, 2017 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, June 12, 2017 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room