



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, March 5, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Seth Westbrook, Justin Shipman, Patti Kuzmickas, Josh Gregg, Alison Greene - Teacher Representative, John Hanson – Principal

I. Call to order: 6:35 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda:

Action/Discussion – Executive Session

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 5, 2018

Moved: Justin Shipman

Seconded: Josh Gregg

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

Property Transfer Update - Patti bought the entire board up to date with the latest information gathered through intensive research into conveying The Prosper Valley School to either the Unified District or to the Town of Pomfret.

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report – The lights are now installed in the TPVS library.
2. Food Service Report – Principal Hanson is leading a focus group to analyze the data collected by the food survey sent out to all parents of students in Windsor Central School District.
3. Principal's Report – Barbara Leonard and students in second grade wrapped up the food drive on Valentine's Day and brought all of the gathered food to the Woodstock Food Shelf. Chippers donated \$1000 and an anonymous donor added to the wonderful donation to Woodstock Food Shelf. Thanks to everyone involved. Chippers also donated a half of a cord of firewood to TPVS Sugar Shack. Thanks, Chippers! Children have now skated on Prosper Pond several times in PE class.
4. Staff Report – Alison said that she has heard a lot of positive conversations surrounding our new offering at TPVS - Genius Hour. First originated at Google, Genius Hour gives each child time to work on whatever they choose. Each child will research their idea and then teachers will help them plan, organize, and get the resources needed to implement their idea. Some children have talked about things like learning how to ride a unicycle, designing a super warm ski suit, starting an Etsy shop to sell their crafts, etc. Genius Hour will begin at the end of March and will end right before April vacation.
5. Board Report – Discussion about the School Budget and information that needs to be revised.

VII. Agenda Setting for August Meeting - same

VIII. Executive Session – 6:44 - 6:52 PM

IX. Adjournment – 7:30 PM

Closing Poem written and read by Seth Shaw

The Yielding - An Ode to 40 Degrees

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, April 2, 2018 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU/WCUD – Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room