

ISLE AU HAUT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 11, 2018

Meeting Minutes

School Committee Members Present: Karen Teague, Kendra Chubbuck, Roz Santospago, Maria Lombardo, [Alison Richardson (via conference call)]

Staff Present: Rita MacWilliam, [Chris Elkington (via conference call)]

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Kendra opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 7:06 p.m.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Roz to approve the Minutes as Read. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

4. Citizen's Comments

None present.

5. Superintendent's Report

Chris reviewed a Proposed 2018-2019 Budget Development Timeline. After discussion, we moved the February 22, 2018 meeting to March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Chris will try to meet with the selectmen the week of the 5th. We will have a special board meeting March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A Motion was made to accept the 2018-2019 IAH Budget Development Timeline as amended by Roz, seconded by Kendra. Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed.

Chris also reviewed a Proposed 2018-2019 Budget Development Process with the following parameters:

1. Parameters set by School Committee

- 0% - 2% Tax Impact in 18-19???
- Continue to restore confidence in IAH Budget process
- Reallocating resources within current budget as needed ð Keep Art, Music and Phys. Ed. opportunities for our students
- Continue to address long-term maintenance needs

2. Superintendent develops budget

- Expenditure Budget with line-item budget rationale for:
Adding in notes wherever possible

- Revenue Budget

3. Superintendent presents budget to School Committee
4. Superintendent shares budget and takes questions from Select Board
5. School Committee approves budget and Warrants
6. Superintendent presents budget and Warrant for inclusion in Town Warrants
7. Superintendent attends Town Meeting and answers questions

The State will tell us how much we will be getting in aid. They gave Chris a timeline of February 1, 2018. We got new REAP money. It has gone down a little from last year.

6. Teacher's Report

The 2017 year ended with joyful activities. The students did a fantastic job on their play with direction from Penny Wheeler, Lisa Turner and myself! We enjoyed our own little party, as well as a visit from our ELC friends. They came and heard our Know Your Neighbor reports featuring Nancy and Bill Calvert on the Sunbeam followed by a cookie swap. At school, we made an origami tree and enjoyed lunch together. We finished the first round of TLC book groups and had a virtual get together with our island friends.

January has had a slow start with weather and illness and other student appointments, but we are now back in the groove. Students presented Landmark Reports on the Sunbeam, and we are blessed with many Book Buddies on Wednesday. We are receiving postcards and marking them on individual maps as they come in helping the children learn the 50 states. Daily we analyze the weather, and learned all about a bombogenesis! Sledding is quite a hit. Students are reading black history books in honor of Martin Luther King.

Upcoming Events

The Grand

On Thursday the 18th, we will see a program on Reptiles at the Grand with our ELC friends. Mr. McGraw will join us and take us bowling.

Middle School Retreat

Our 6th grader and parent will attend the Sunbeam Middle School Retreat in Camden over Martin Luther King weekend.

Feb. 12 - Snow shoe hike at Settlement Quarry with Mr. McGraw and ELC.

Feb. 13-15 - Proposed Science Residency on Force and Motion featuring rockets by Ryan Quinn including a Thursday evening performance.

Attached are proposals for the Science Residency and the March Ski Trip. I respectfully request approval of both.

Rita presented the board a proposal for a Science in Residence by Ryan Quinn. It would be a three day residency on Force and Motion. A Motion was made by Roz to approve the proposal as Rita as amended including a \$200 increase for supplies for a total of \$1600. Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed.

Rita also presented the board a proposal for the Ski Trip in March for 3 ½ days and 4 nights. Frenchboro and Monhegan schools will also be going. The proposed budget is slightly higher than last year as we have another family with two students going. A Motion was made by Roz to approve the proposal. Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed.

Gabe will be starting the pre-school program this month.

7. New Business

No new business.

8. Adjourn

Karen made a Motion to adjourn. Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Teague, Secretary