

ISLE AU HAUT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

November 30, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: Alison Richardson

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Kendra opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:38 a.m.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the October 26, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Roz to approve the Minutes as Read. Vote: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

4. Citizen's Comments

None present.

5. Superintendent's Report

The State is looking into how it certifies teachers. There are also changes happening with funding from the State, however, not a lot that affects our school.

We need to start budget discussions earlier this year. Last year we waited until January. We should also discuss how we will recruit a teacher for the 2019 – 2020 school year. There is currently no meeting scheduled for December. The Board agreed to meet on December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Teacher's Report

Teacher's Report to the Board

November 2017

Highlights for October

Parent/Teacher Conferences

I met with each student's parents to review work and goals. The parents were all supportive and proud of what their child/ren had accomplished. These students are all dedicated, enthusiastic workers.

### Book Buddies

More residents are coming on Wednesday mornings to read with our students. Our students can't wait to see who they will read with. The residents are so enthusiastic working with the students. The reading session has lengthened to about 40 minutes. Thank you to all participants!

### TLC Book Groups

We are divided into three groups with the other island students. We meet on Wednesdays as well - Reading Morning!

### ELC

In November, we met up with our island classmates in Ellsworth. An ELC grandparent, graciously paid for swimming at Acadia Resort. After that, we went to the Grand for Alice Through the Looking Glass. We had read the book before attending. Our day was cut short due to a change in ferry plans, so said a quick good-bye. Students are also exchanging pen pal letters.

### Know Your Neighbor

This month we celebrated Judi and Jeff Burke and Nancy and Bill Calvert. The students' reports continue to improve. We are concentrating on having an interesting opening sentence and a conclusion sentence. Students are using a variety of writing techniques in the body. The portraits are more resembling the subject, too!

### Social Studies

In social studies this year, we are studying Isle au Haut and Maine. Students have completed their Landmark project and will begin a history book of the island. We have expanded to learning the 50 states and are beginning to receive postcards. Our hope is to have postcards from many states before the end of the year.

### Thanksgiving Lunch

Again this year, students made pies and set up the hall. They greeted guests, delivered drinks and desserts. At the end of the meal, they shared their Thanksgiving acrostic poems. There were over 50 people in attendance, and lots of delicious food!

### Specials

In art, students are working on an animal sculpture. On Tuesdays, each child receives 2 1/2 hours of instruction.

Mr. McGraw teaches PE and health. Students are learning about the food pyramid and healthy eating in health. In PE, they have a whole group activity and then a smaller group lesson on specific skills.

### Music

Due to the holiday schedule, we had only 1 class of music in November. Students are learning piano, recorder and another instrument of choice. Students meet in a whole group for vocal music and common instrumental lessons. Each student then receives 1/2 hour of private instruction.

#### Upcoming Events

December is full of the holiday spirit. Book Buddies will continue as well as TLC Book Groups. We will meet with the ELC on the Sunbeam to share our Know Your Neighbor reports and have a cookie swap. The holiday potluck and performance will be combined with the Sunbeam service on Wed., Dec. 20th. We plan to charter the ferry for a return trip. Maybe Chris will be able to attend!

I will be out Dec. 14, 15 and 21 for cataract surgery. My proposal is that school be dismissed at noon on Thursday the 21st.

Our pre school program will begin in January!!

Rita G. MacWilliam, Lead Teacher

1. Special Teacher Transportation – Rita will speak to Lisa regarding how she would like to be reimbursed for transporting the special teachers.

2. Upcoming December Dates – There will be a special boat after the Christmas performance on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Grand trip for December has been cancelled. Rita would like to make December 21, 2017 a half-day of school, dismissing at noon. A Motion was made by Karen to make December 21, 2017 a half-day. Vote: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

3. Maintenance – Now that Luther is our maintenance person, what is the procedure for repairs? It was discussed and agreed that Rita and Alison should be able to contact Luther for repairs. He can start now, however, Chris will run a background check and he will need to be fingerprinted.

#### 7. New Business

The Board received Melanie's resignation. We have 30 days to appoint a new member. Kendra will post the opening. We will discuss this at our December meeting.

Alison cannot make the 8:30 a.m. meetings. The Board discussed this and a Motion was made by Karen to change the time of the January, February and March meetings to 7:00 p.m. Vote: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

#### 9. Adjourn

Kendra made a Motion to adjourn. Vote: 3 in favor; 0 opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Teague, Secretary