

ISLE AU HAUT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 26, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: Melanie Guzek

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Kendra opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:50 a.m.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the September 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Karen to approve the Minutes as Amended. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

4. Citizen's Comments

None present.

5. Superintendent's Report

a. 2nd Reading of the Wellness Policy. A Motion was made by Karen to approve the Wellness Policy. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

b. 2nd Reading of the Volunteer Policy. A Motion was made by Karen to approve the Volunteer Policy. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

c. Legislative changes and potential changes & funding reductions were reviewed.

d. New fiscal procedures seem to be continuing to work well. The Island Store is still charging tax. Rhonda is working on this with the store.

e. GT Waiver was approved for 17-18 year.

f. Union 76 purchased and InforME license for doing background checks that they will allow IaH to use. It will cost \$21.00 for each background check requested.

6. Teacher's Report

Teacher's Report to the Board

October 27, 2017

The highlight of the month for our students was working with their Island Classmates.

From my perspective, the Fall TLC trip was fantastic. Our concerns about pacing, curriculum relevance, and opportunities for the pre-schoolers from the previous trip were all addressed in the planning for the trip to Brunswick. Students had only three venues, one a day: The Theater Project, Maine Maritime Museum and the Joshua Chamberlain Museum. Before the trip, I had activities to prepare the students for each workshop which tied into the curriculum. The other activities were structured activities led by teachers. We shared our social studies projects, did improv activities building on the workshop at the Theater Project, played Capture the Flag and played games. At dinnertime, students had assigned seating and assisted with the setting up and clean up. Our students interacted with students and are eager to meet up with them 'virtually.' I led a share out with students that will be in my book group. The places visited were also more accommodating for the needs of pre-schoolers. Everyone arrived home healthy. In addition, the TLC teacher meetings have been more productive, and everyone is dedicated to providing meaningful activities for the students that promote academic and social learning. From my perspective, I no longer feel it necessary to write a letter to TLC, and endorse our continuation with the collaborative.

On Monday, we had the second meet-up with ELC to learn more about the geology of the area and the granite industry. For the past month, we have been writing to the students and everyone was eager to match up with his/her penpal. A guide from the Heritage Trust led us on an engaging hike in Settlement Quarry. After lunch, we all painted a scene to capture the fall season. The day ended with a Halloween Box exchange initiated by one of our students. We're all eager to meet again in Ellsworth for Through the Looking Glass. The bus ride was a hit!

The specials are going well providing our students with quality instruction. With assistance from Alvah, we rearranged the bottom floor removing items and setting up shelves making it a more functional place for instruction.

Our Island projects are flourishing. At Book Buddy Time, all of our students have had one if not two adults to read with. Our youngest student can now read beginning books! Students are finished their research for their Island Landmark project and will hopefully present it on the Sunbeam along with Know Your Neighbor next week.

Upcoming events: Halloween Party, Parent Teacher conferences, the Grand Theater, and the Thanksgiving Potluck.

Respectfully,

Rita G. MacWilliam, Island Teacher

* In addition to her written report, Rita brought up parking for special teachers at the Mailboat. The cost is \$11 a day. It would be less expensive if the school bought a year-round parking spot. Also, Lisa has offered to transport the special teachers to and from the boat in inclement weather. It was discussed and agreed that she should be reimbursed mileage for this.

A Motion was made by Karen to buy a year-round parking spot at the Mailboat for the school. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

7. Maintenance Bid Report/Vote on Maintenance Person

Out of the two bids that were received, only Luther Smith submitted the letters of recommendation and proof of liability insurance that we requested. A Motion was made by Kendra to accept Luther Smith as our maintenance person. Vote: 3 in favor; 1 abstain; 0 opposed.

8. New Business

Jim Wilson from the IaH Power Co. spoke with Kendra regarding heat pumps. He wants to apply for a USDA grant that could pay for heat pumps and will be seeking a letter from the school board supporting getting heat pumps in Town buildings.

Melanie Guzek has moved off the island. She informed some board members that she would be resigning from the board. However, we have not received a letter of resignation. Chris will follow-up with her. Kendra will inform the selectmen that we may have an open spot on the board.

9. Adjourn

Karen made a Motion to adjourn. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Teague, Secretary