

Tisbury School Committee
9:00 AM, Monday, July 15, 2019
Tisbury School Library

TSC members present: Chair Amy Houghton, Janet Packer, Michael Watts.

Staff: John Custer, Principal; Matthew D'Andrea, Superintendent;
Sean DeBettencourt, Teacher; Emily Levett, Teacher;
Melissa Ogden, Assistant Principal;
Richard Smith, Assistant Superintendent;
Amy Tierney, School Business Administrator.

Town: Melinda Loberg, Selectman.

Others: Anna Cotton, parent; Nedine Cunningham, MVEA;
Anna Edey, community member; Clark Myers, parent

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

Ms. Houghton stated that Town Facilities Manager Kirk Metell continues to work on securing a contractor to conduct asbestos, lead, and radon testing at the school. Ms. Tierney offered that, depending on the estimate, it may be necessary to obtain three quotes. So as not to delay the testing with questions about funding sources, **MS. PACKER MOVED TO "MOVE FORWARD WITH SCHEDULING THE TESTING"; MR. WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Ms. Levett inquired about possible recommendations, following testing. Ms. Houghton responded that any actions would be based on the report findings, and it was hoped that a report would be available soon after testing is conducted. Ms. Cotton requested that the TSC communicate any actions to parents, and asked how funding for any necessary repairs may be secured. Mr. D'Andrea stated that he plans to meet with contractor BTU to discuss possible air exchange solutions at the school facility, following the Department of Public Health Indoor Air Quality Assessment.

Ms. Edey presented her idea about using plants for air cleaning. She distributed a related article on the topic. She advocated hiring an air purification manager, researching grant opportunities for a project, installing mini-splits for heating and cooling, and introducing a photovoltaic system. Mr. Custer asked her to provide concrete information in the proposal for school administration and the TSC to consider.

Mr. Custer shared, on behalf of Police Chief Saloio, a proposal to adjust crossing guard locations to address staffing challenges. The proposal would eliminate current crossing locations at West William Street (north) and the Oak Hill Avenue/State Road intersection. If supported, an officer would visit households of families affected by this change. The TSC expressed a desire to have a crossing guard or police officer present at the Oak Hill Avenue location, just for the first week of school. **MS. PACKER MOVED TO SUPPORT CHIEF SALOIO'S UPDATED CROSSING GUARD PROPOSAL; MR. WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Mr. Watts, the TSC representative on the Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC), reported that the Request for Proposals for an Owner's Project Manager is being completed, to be posted in the Central Register on July 17. Applications will be due on August 21, with interviews likely scheduled in early September. Mr. Watts stated that the TSBC is also planning to discuss the Education Program and alternative funding sources for a school renovation and addition project.

The TSC scheduled another meeting for Monday July 29 at 8:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted by John Custer

John Custer – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 8/12/19