

CRANBERRY ISLES SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
School Committee Meeting
Longfellow School
Friday, 14 August 2020
8:45 a.m.

[Remote Access Meetings During COVID-19 Crisis](#)

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Amy Palmer, Chair; Cari Alley, Board Member; Darlene Sumner, Board Member

Others present: Dr. Marc Gousse, Superintendent; Hayley Fenton, Principal; Joshua Young, Technology; Ingrid Gaither, Staff/Community Member; Phil Whitney, Community Member; Audrey Noether, Community Member

Call to Order

Amy Palmer called the meeting to order at 8:47a.m.

Confirmation of Board Member Attendance

Amy Palmer, Chair
Cari Alley
Darlene Sumner

Approval of Voucher

A voucher was signed electronically prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: [10 July 2020](#)

Darlene Sumner made a motion to approve the [10 July 2020](#) as written. Cari Alley seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0).

Public Comment

None.

Reports and Updates:

- **Safe Return to School Update**
 - Dr. Gousse shared a brief overview of the district's Safe Return to School Plan including the rationale for a calendar adjustment, the remote start to the school year with the caveat of building being able to open sooner if ready and the visits he made to all the outer island schools with an environmental engineer this week.
- **Longfellow Lift Update**
 - We are just waiting for confirmation that the lift is operational. Holyoke Builders and Maine Accessibility Corp have been excellent to work with. We will also obtain information on who to go through for annual inspections moving forward.

Discussion Items:

- **2020-2021 School Calendar**
 - [Current 2020-2021 Cranberry Isles School Calendar](#)
 - [Proposed Revisions to 2020-2021 Cranberry Isles School Calendar](#)
 - [Revised MDIRSS - AOS #91 School Calendar](#)

Darlene Sumner made a motion to adopt the proposed revisions to the 20-21 Cranberry Isles School Calendar with the correction of the start date note. Cari Alley seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0).

Action Items:

- **Consideration of [Bid for Boat Transportation](#)**

The board discussed the Boat Transportation bid that was received. Hayley Fenton made the recommendation that students be enrolled at each school this fall and that we re-evaluate at each board meeting this year. The reasons for that recommendation are that having students on their home island increases opportunities for flexibility and family support as we navigate the many changes of the start of this school year. The school remains committed to the two year rotation between the Ashley Bryan School and the Longfellow School and will navigate a return to the rotation with school board.

The board decided not to take action on the transportation bid at this time. The board supported the recommendation. Dr. Gousse will look into whether or not a formal vote needs to be made.

Other Business

None at this time.

Public Comment

Phil Whitney shared that he was very impressed and more comfortable with the level of explanation from the school administration.

Audrey Noether shared that she was relieved to hear the flexible approach.

Future Agenda Items

- Determination if a vote needs to be done on enrolling both schools
- Teaching and Learning update
- Building Update
- Transportation safety discussion with vendors update
- Family response update
- Lift update

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

Friday, August 28, 2020 at Ashley Bryan School, Islesford. 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Darlene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13. Amy seconded. Unanimously approved (2-0, Cari had stepped out of the room).

Respectfully submitted:

Hayley Fenton, Principal