

CRANBERRY ISLES SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
School Committee Meeting
Ashley Bryan School, Islesford
Friday, 28 August 2020
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Amy Palmer called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Confirmation of Board Member Attendance

Amy Palmer, Board Chair
Cari Alley
Darlene Sumner

Others present: Dr. Marc Gousse, superintendent; Hayley Fenton, principal

Approval of Voucher

None since last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: [14 August 2020](#)

Cari Alley made a motion to approve the [14 August 2020](#) minutes as written. Darlene Sumner seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0).

Public Comment

I'd like to ask the board and administrators to consider allowing the public to attend school board meetings remotely. Either by phone, video, or both. It can be something as high tech as the YouTube recordings, which by the way was very appreciated! Or something as low tech as using a free conference call service like UberConference and keeping listeners on mute.

I think this is not only a transparent way of conducting board business but is extra beneficial in the unique example of the cranberry isles where we have two unbridged communities yet share the hosting of the meetings. Even more of a benefit while we are in a pandemic and some community members are not comfortable attending meetings in person or traveling by boat to their neighboring island.

I know these are extra hard times for our school staff and admin and I don't mean to add to that burden. So I also offer to help with this, if needed. For example, the GCI library has a zoom account it allows the public to use for virtual meetings. I also have a good old fashioned speaker conference phone that I would be happy to lend.

Thank you!

Ingrid Gaither

Reports and Updates

- **Safe Return to School Update**
 - Teaching and Learning will begin 9/8/20
 - Launching voluntary staff testing protocol
 - Covid Relief Funds application was submitted and approved
- **Teaching and Learning Update**
 - We are still working on a daily schedule to release to families prior to opening for in person instruction.
 - We are looking at using the remaining 40% of the budgeted classroom teaching position to support
- **Family Response Update**
 - All students enrolled for the school based option.
- **Building Update**
 - Hayley Fenton shared the draft of the re-entry plan checklist with the board. This will be submitted to the superintendent when the request to open the buildings for in person instruction.
 - Families will get a video of walking tours, pictures, and written procedures prior to students returning to the school building
- **Update Regarding Transportation Safety Discussion with Vendors**
 - The conversations were very successful. Masks are being required on public transportation. We thank our transportation partners for being receptive.
- **Longfellow Lift Update**
 - The lift is complete.
 - Maine Accessibility Corps walkthrough will be September 4, 2020 with the principal.

Discussion Items

- **Discussion of Continued Use of Both Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year**
 - The superintendent provided an update that the board is not required to vote on enrolling the schools.

Action Items

- **Nomination and Election of 20% Science Teacher**
 - Cari Alley motioned to accept the superintendent's nomination of Lauren Gray as 20% science teacher. Darlene Sumner seconded the motion. Unanimously approved (3-0).

Other Business

The apartment is still available at this time.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Future Agenda Items

- Storm Day plans

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting TBD

October 2, 2020 at 8:45 Longfellow School.

Adjournment

Cari Alley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Amy Palmer seconded. Unanimously approved (3-0).

Respectfully submitted: Hayley Fenton, Principal