



**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**REVISED**  
**Monday, May 9, 2022 – 5:30pm**  
**Edgartown School Library**

**AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2022**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
  - A. Finance Report
  - B. Donations
- IV. Superintendent's Report**
  - A. General Update
  - B. AISC
  - C. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod**
- V. Principal's Report**
  - A. End of Year Events
  - B. Bike Safety Discussion
  - C. School Improvement Plan 2022-2023 (Draft Goals)
  - D. Enrollment
  - E. Request for Out of State Travel to Washington, D.C.
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. New/Old Business**
- VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- IX. Adjournment**



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**Wednesday, May 9, 2022 – 5:30pm**  
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**Minutes**

Present: Chair: Kimberly Kirk and members Louis Paciello and Laura Seguin,  
Others: Supt., Dr. Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr., Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator via a Zoom link, Brooke Leahy, PTA President, Gina DeBettencourt Food Services Manager, Deb deBettencourt School Counselor, Jennifer Fournier 2nd Grade Teacher and Deb Grant Kindergarten teacher, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett, Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order at 5:30.

**I. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2022**

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022 and Kimberly Kirk seconded. There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 abstention ( due to the fact that Laura was attending her first meeting)

**II. PTA Report**

Brooke Leahy -an outdoor Boosterthon Fun Run will be held on May 31. The lead-up pep rally is Monday, May 23 (weather permitting). This is their first fundraiser since the pandemic. The PTA is selling sponsorship signs for \$100. Anyone can buy one and they will be set up to line the drive to the school and the field where the running takes place. There are also opportunities for people to participate in the dunk tank. The sponsorship forms can be found online or people who are interested can send an email to the Edgartown PTA.

There will be a drive-in movie for the Edgartown School in collaboration with MVFF at the Drive-in in the back of the Ice Rink on Saturday, June 25.

Their next meeting is Tuesday, May 10 at 5PM at Allied Mortgage.

Shelley publicly thanked the PTA for the Staff Appreciation luncheon that they provided last week.

**III. Finance Report**

A. **The Finance Report** was given by Mark Friedman. There are no new variances on the expense report. The school is in good financial standing with only a couple of lines in deficit. The kindergarten teacher line item is showing a deficit and that is due to contractual budgeting. The substitute teacher pay rate also affects the sub line due to the recent pay raise. This is budgeted for next year. The other line items can absorb the differences and it will still result in the budget ending in a positive with some savings. Other places where there are deficits are in guidance, the health department, and the food service department.

A question was asked if the school lunches were free and the answer was that yes - all the lunches were reimbursed by the state. The school needs to incur expenses to provide the meals. A question was asked about when the reimbursement happens and the answer is typically a month or two after the calendar month ends.

There was another variance in the telephone budget line and Mr. Friedman said he will report back on that, it is about \$2,000. The general maintenance line looks to be in good shape. Student insurance is also over which was explained in an earlier meeting.

**Fund Balance report** Mr. Friedman pointed out the fund 200 circuit breaker funds \$164K “and some change” is based on the residential expenses that were paid out last year. This will be recommended to be carried over again next year in case there is an unexpected residential or special education need. This is allowed for one year in case there is an unanticipated residential or other special education expenses and would act as a buffer.

**Fund 400** - The Revolving Lunch Fund is at \$91,672 and it does not include April. Mr. Friedman thinks the State will be discontinuing the free meals for all students next year. There may be another eligibility and Mr. Friedman will check into that.

**Fund 401** -The school choice fund has a \$174,000 balance. It may be that there are needs that can be met by this fund next year.

A question was asked about the Circuit Breaker Fund - can it be carried over through FY 2023, what happens if it is not used? Mr. Friedman said that it could be used to save money overall for the budget. It can be designated to any educational expenses but they typically try to use it for special education expenses. It can be used for transportation or salaries. Usually it is for residential expenses but we can use it for other special education expenses.

## **B. Donations**

Shelley Einbinder presented donations:

The MV Med Shop \$100

Anonymous \$30

The Donahue’s \$25

Edgartown Patrolman’s Association \$500

Maciel and Sons \$2,500

Totaling \$3,500

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to accept with gratitude the donations and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays,

## **IV. Superintendent’s Report**

### **A. General Update**

MCAS is finishing up in the next few weeks

The contract negotiations will hopefully wrap up soon.

There are many end-of-year events.

High school graduation is June 12.

**B. AISC** All-Island School Committee meeting May 19 which is very important.

**C. Special Education Update** – Hope MacLeod Was off island so there was no report.

## **V. Principal's Report**

**A. End of Year Events** - a list of 2 pages of the events were handed out. Parents attended a 5th grade musical last week and it was wonderful to have an audience in the building. There was a successful 8th grade auction at the PA Club. The class raised almost \$10,000. Shelley thanked Gina for her help in offering the PA club. Kimberly Kirk expressed her gratitude as well. A question was asked about who organized and gratitude was expressed to Gail Gardner and Meaghan Morris and the parents who organized. Other events are Kindergarten parent night, March to the Sea on May 27, and the DC trip which leaves on May 31. The highlight in June will be graduation at the Old Whaling Church on June 17.

**B. Bike Safety Discussion** - Sgt Deroche reviewed safety measures with all the crossing guards in the school. In addition, he will speak to all classes in preparation for Ride Your Bike to School Day on May 24.

Kimberly Kirk also said the PD will present a Bike Safety program soon. Ms Kirk expressed appreciation for the collaboration with the EPD and the importance of providing this education.

**C. School Improvement Plan 2022-2023** Draft goals were presented. Dr. Einbinder presented the plan and stated that the goals are for the coming year. Dr. Einbinder thanked all the members of the School Improvement Council. She also thanked Alicia Knight, a co-chair and teacher who is stepping down from the appointment. Next year the co-chair will be a parent member. The plan is reverting to a one-year plan. The new plan has a target of *School Community Wellness* that transforms the remote learning component of the former plan. *Maintaining Online Platforms* is an additional goal that transforms the prior plan's goal of creating remote learning.

Staff members have been asked for their input on what committees should remain in place and the process of looking at replies is still taking place.

Professional collaboration will be a focus and prioritizing grade-level and vertical meetings across all goals.

An additional goal is equity for all including ELL and Special Education recommendations that came to the attention of the school through outside consults in recent years. This also includes enrichment for students in K-8.

## **D. Enrollment**

As of May 2, there are 406 students with 1 student pending.

## **E. Request for Out of State Travel to Washington, D.C.**

Dr. Einbinder asked the school committee for permission for the 8th grade to travel to Washington D. C. May 31-June-3 with approximately 42 students and 6 or 7 chaperones.

Kimberly Kirk expressed gratitude to Gail Gardner, Meaghan Morris, parents, administrators and everyone who has worked on this trip.

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the out of state travel and Kimberly Kirk seconded. There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays,

## **VI. Public Comment**

Gina deBettencourt reported that she thinks free lunches will resume next year. The school qualifies for @50% of the school. If the school was at 80% free then everyone would get a free lunch but we don't have that high a percentage. If not free then she thinks there will be some deductions at least.

Gina deBettencourt also asked why there is nothing planted in the greenhouse. She needs to know because she gets healthy food for the cafeteria. She also thought that no students 5-8 have been using the garden.

The cafeteria is still using food that Melinda grew.

Most of the donations from the island come from the school garden.

Usually grade 2 students are ready with plants to sell at their plant sale.

Kimberly Kirk asked to have a presentation given to the school committee at the next meeting. She'd like Helen Rhines, the IGI garden teacher, to tell the committee what the plans are for the future and if she will be able to plant in this way.

## **VII. New/Old Business**

## **VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 5:30PM in the library.

Gina Debettencourt cannot attend this meeting but she can meet the committee to learn more about the garden program. Kimberly Kirk explained that the role of the School Committee is to approve the role and programming for the school garden.

Gina D. explained that Morning Glory Farms and Slough Farm grow things to give to the school as a donation.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13