



**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – 5:00 pm  
VIA ZOOM**

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**Present:** Chair, Kimberly Kirk and members Louis Paciello and Laura Seguin  
**Others:** Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Director of Student Services, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator, Brooke Leahy, PTA President, Kate Curelli School Nurse, Nedine Cunningham 7/8 Social Studies Teacher, Connie Leunenberger Reading Specialist, Janet Hurley Special Education Teacher, Jennifer Fournier 2nd Grade Teacher, Megan McDonald 1st Grade Teacher, Deb Grant Kindergarten Teacher, Denise Searle 1st Grade Teacher, Gina deBettencourt Food Services Director, Kiely Rigali Parent, Alex Morrison Parent, Erin Ready Parent, Bethh Wallace parent, Kelly Scott Parent, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order by Kimberly Kirk at 5:07

### I. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2023

Laura Seguin made a motion to approve the March minutes and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

**II. PTA Report** - Brooke Leahy reported on the Pizza Bingo that was held on March 14. It was a successfully evening with about 100 people attending. She thanked all the special guest callers. 3 PTA members attended the Massachusetts PTA conference and the Edgartown PTA received membership and volunteer awards. Gina deBettencourt was awarded the *Unsung Hero Award* from the MA PTA association.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 11 at the offices of Allied Mortgage in Nevin Square.

### III. Finance Report

A. Donations - Dr. Shelley Einbinder presented

The MV Derby gave a \$700 donation to the Edgartown School for children in need.

Louis Paciello made a motion to accept the donation and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

The members expressed their gratitude to John Custer and the members of the Derby.

### IV. Superintendent's Report

A. General Update

There will be an All-Island School committee meeting on April 27, 2023  
Dr. Smith discussed the SWOT analysis.

B. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod

April is Autism Awareness month. The newsletter this month focuses on autism and the newsletter has links to resources for more information.

**V. Principal's Report**

A. General Updates

- Edgartown School Wellness Committee Policy Reading #1  
Kate Curelli, School Nurse explained the updates to the policy.

Louis Paciello made a motion to accept the first reading of the policy and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

- Outdoor Learning Campus – Updated Schematic  
Dr. Shelley Einbinder presented a schematic of the new Outdoor Campus.
- Grant Recipients – Speed Zone Signs  
The Police Department and the Highway Department collaborated with the Edgartown School on the grant for these new signs which was recently awarded.

Louis Paciello made a motion to accept the grant and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. Upcoming Events

The annual town meeting is on Tuesday, April 11.

The Spring Fling fun run is on Friday, April 14.

School Vacation is April 17-23

Parent Teacher Conferences are on April 25, 26, 27,  
and on May 1 for MS students only

C. Enrollment

414 students and no pending enrollments

10 new students have joined the school since February 1.

There are 60 students in 8th grade, the largest in recent history.

Next year, if the numbers do not change, there will be: 3 Kindergarten classrooms,  
3 First Grade Classrooms, 2 Second Grade Classrooms, 3 Third, Fourth and Fifth

Grade Classrooms, two 6th Grade classrooms, 3 7th Grade classrooms and 2 8th Grade classrooms.

There was a recent meeting with Kindergarten teachers, member of the school committee, a union representative, and Dr. Einbinder regarding additional support for the current Kindergarten classrooms. An additional substitute teacher who works 4 days a week was hired to support the classrooms.

**D. Personnel**

- New Hires  
Spencer Schofield and Emilia Giordano are 2 new ESP hires.
- Resignations  
Abigail Williamson will be leaving her ESL teaching position and Brian Perry will be leaving his 5th and 6th grade social studies teaching position at the end of the year.

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to accept the resignations and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

- Leave of Absence  
Gail Gardner requested a leave of absence for school year 2023-2024

Kimberly Kirk made a motion to approve the leave request and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

**VI. Public Comment - none**

**VII. New/Old Business** - Kimberly Kirk discussed the three roles of the School Committee: budget, policy, evaluation of the superintendent.

**VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 5:00 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment 5:45**