

Chebeague Island School Committee Workshop Minutes

October 29, 2016

Call to Order

The workshop was called to order at 8:52 am by Yarmouth School Committee Chairperson Leah Guay. The meeting was held as a joint workshop with the Chebeague Island School Committee and the Yarmouth School Committee (SC). Present: Chebeague Island School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Beverly Johnson, and Jen Belesca; Yarmouth School Committee members Leah Guay, Laura Coroi, Anne Fleming, Margaret Groban, Jeanne Rapone, Philip Jones and Tim Wheaton; Chebeague Island Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Yarmouth Superintendent Andrew Dolloff.

Discussion Topics

- Chebeague Island Resources for Yarmouth Students: Suzanne Rugh informed the Yarmouth SC that Chebeague Island has many natural resources that offer great learning environments for student learning, and Chebeague Island would be a great place for Yarmouth students to visit and take advantage of in the future. Field trips could be arranged and on site learning could occur in a great hands-on way.
- Thank You for Technology and Nursing Assistance: Beverly Johnson thanked the Yarmouth SC for their assistance in helping CIS with some of their Technology problems over the past year. The Technology Director Mark Noack has been very helpful to CIS in those endeavors, and as recently as this fall he helped with a new security wall for our school. In addition, Mike Pulsifer said Kristina Truesdale the HMS nurse came over to CIS and did a review of our medical files and was very helpful in giving guidance to him on needed forms and plans.
- Curriculum Grade Level Goals: CIS has been making efforts to align its grade level expectations and learning targets to make sure 6th graders attending HMS will not have any academic gaps in their learning. Andrew Dolloff mentioned that the Yarmouth staff have been doing a curriculum review the last few years and is putting in place a written documentation of curriculum goals and learning targets. This summer Joan Adler, the HMS principal shared with the CI Superintendent the current grade level expectations and CIS is working on their written learning targets and curriculum goals this year as well. Mr. Dolloff said that his discussions with the HMS principal have informed him that the CIS students attending HMS as 6th graders are well prepared for school, and have solid academic backgrounds.
- Roundtable Discussion Topics: (1) Andrew Dolloff suggested that the Yarmouth SC and the Chebeague Island SC plan on discussing the current tuition contract next year at a fall joint workshop. The agreement does not expire until June 30 of 2021, and it might be a good idea to begin the discussion and come to an agreement on a new contract extension next fall. (2) Andrew Dolloff informed the Chebeague Island SC that the change in school start times this fall have gone well, and this spring he would surmise that the Yarmouth SC

would be seeking input from residents on the changes. As could be expected, some initial transportation issues came up, but that has smoothed out since the beginning of school. (3) Philip Jones mentioned that the Yarmouth SC and school department will be working on an updated Strategic Plan and will keep the Chebeague Island SC in the loop on those discussions. (4) Tim Wheaton informed the Chebeague Island SC that there would be some workshops this December on looking at YHS Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and how Yarmouth would use those going forward. (5) The entire group discussed laptops and students using them away from school, and it may be a topic that Yarmouth begins discussing at the district level in the future. (6) Andrew Dolloff said that Yarmouth does a lot of professional development during the year, and he would welcome any involvement by Chebeague Island staff taking part if the schedules can work.

- Tour of Yarmouth High School: Andrew Dolloff led the group on a tour of Yarmouth High School, showing everyone the many classes, resources, and student areas that Chebeague Island students take part in by attending Yarmouth High School. It was a valuable tour.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.