

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**Library or Zoom**

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Roxanne Ackerman, Jennifer Cutrer, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts  
*Zoom:* Vice Chair – Kimberly Kirk\*, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien

Others: Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, PC/School District Counsel – Nancy Campany, West Tisbury Select Board Chairwoman – Cynthia Mitchell

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson, IT Director – Rick Mello, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi

Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman, Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod

Towns/County: West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski *\*Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members*

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Robert Lionette; all votes would be taken by roll call. Public participation was encouraged, and asked to use the Zoom ‘hand raise’ feature to be recognized. The meeting was recorded; video cameras were asked to be turned off except for MVRHS SC members or Administrators or when actively participating; attendees were asked to identify themselves with first and last names. *(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

**Welcome - Chair**

(Agenda Item #I)

Chair Lionette read the first few lines of the Mission Statement as posted on the MVYPS.org website. (<https://mvyps.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Overall-Mission-and-Educational-Policy.pdf>). He reflected on this statement as a way to guide the Committee through the next year defining roles and responsibilities and engagement with the School Advisory Council (SAC) as defined by Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE).

**Public Comment**

(Agenda Item #II)

A lengthy discussion around the Day of Dialogue included:

- The day offered new perspectives.
- Uncomfortable conversations made individuals grow and see the world a bit differently.
- Sharing different values was viewed as a good thing; they hoped it would happen regularly.
- Communication was poor; information was not given to parents ahead of time.

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Superintendent Richie Smith said teaching and learning was the most important part of the school system and by extension parents and community; he underscored that they cared about all of the students; the different values brought spirited dialogue and should be expected.

Principal Sara Dingley asked for input to keep the conversation going; belonging and inclusion was a goal of all staff members; they were excited to have taken the first step toward this. She said part of the high school experience was to prepare students on how to think, critical thinking.

**Future Agenda Structure**

(Agenda Item #III)

Chair Lionette recommended the Committee take the Principal's goals along with the school improvement plans, and compare them to the District goals. On a regular basis, review the progress as it related to the budget and/or other areas this Committee was responsible for, a level of accountability.

Kimberly Kirk recommended the formation of an athletic sub-committee in support of the programs the students deserve. Members discussed formation of an ad-hoc committee to explore the value of such and report back to the full Committee at a future meeting.

**MSBA/ Regional Agreement (Massachusetts School Building Authority)**

(Agenda Item #IV)

**A. Review of proposed changes and *possible vote***

Nancy Campany reviewed the one change from the last meeting and the inclusion of the funding formula provided by the Working Group for the State/DESE expectations. Members discussed at length a variety of issues; Ms. Company would look into possible steps with other counsel to resolve concerns.

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGAL COUNSEL TO SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT TO DESE FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE.*

**Routine Reports**

(Agenda Item #V)

**A. Superintendent**

**1. General Report:**

Superintendent Smith said a meeting was held for the MSBA/Regional Agreement.

**B. Principal**

**1. OYO Shifts for FY23:**

Principal Dingley screen shared the proposed shifts; the ACCESS program would be absorbed into Sheryl Taylor's Equity and ACCESS program. As a result, the available funds would be shifted to a One Year Only (OYO) Social Studies position.

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Additionally, to post for an Instructional Coach/Evaluator (Teacher Leader) for a qualified individual within the existing teaching staff; the money existed within the budget.

*ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SHIFT OF FUNDS FROM THE ACCESS PROGRAM TO A OYO SOCIAL STUDIES POSITION AND TO ALLOW POSTING FOR AN INTERNAL QUALIFIED TEACHER/LEADER TO SWITCH UNITS TO A OYO ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

**2. Goals:**

Principal Dingley presented the three goals of continuing and ongoing work; *please see the presentation on file for details.*

**Consents: Votes Required**

(Agenda Item #VI)

**A. Minutes:**

Tabled.

**B. Personnel:**

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JESSICA ESTRELLA; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE.*

**C. Grants and Donations:**

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS AS PRESENTED; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE.*

**SubCommittee Update**

(Agenda Item #VII)

**A. Sub-Committee Meeting Schedule:**

Tabled.

**Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements**

(Agenda Item #VIII)

Suzanne Cioffi reviewed the warrants that had been signed for July and those that closed out FY 22.

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**Adjournment**

(Agenda Item #IX)

*JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:08 PM;  
LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,  
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,  
MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE.*

**Appendix A - Meetings/Events**

— MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, September 12, 2022

**Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks:**

NONE.

**Appendix C - Documents on File:**

- Agenda MVRHS SC 8.1.22.pdf

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

September 12, 2022

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Date

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Robert Lionette – MVRHS SC Chair

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Richie Smith – MVRHSD Superintendent

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*APPROVED SEPTEMBER 12, 2022*