ISLE LA MOTTE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2016

Attendance: Janet Soavi, Kathi Craig, Lisa Best, Cynthia Demore, Barbara Larvey, Tom Tregan, Louise Koss, Jennifer Rafferty and Jane Zera

LK called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Approve the minutes from the March 16 meeting. JR made the motion and 2nd by LK.

All in favor.

Approve the minutes from the April 11 meeting. JZ made the motion and 2nd by JR.

All in favor.

Principal’s Report  TT reported that the SBAC testing had been done. SBAC is done on computers. Virginia Holliman had been to ILM school to do dairy in classroom. Some classes will do visit to farm.

Playground – monies are still adding up for playground. (Shower us with coins) Children are learning about money. Learning about money is math and good learning for the children.

JR made the motion to use Lirec Program for 3 week Summer program (Pre-K to 3rd grade). 2nd by JZ All in favor. Food service will be decided. Looking to staff this program.

Positive Behavior program to begin next week.

Up date on the playground – other grants have been applied for to replace the playground equipment. Money from Ben & Jerry’s and other community groups.

BL reported that first week in May is “Bike Safety Week”. Children will be biking to school, Bike-A-Thon on May 3, Walk and Roll to school. During the week there will be a walk of the new trail. Bike mechanic will be at school on May 4. Children will be learning to care for their bikes. Please expect the kids to be dirty at the end of that day! Working on their bikes will involve tires, chains and learning how to maintain their bikes!

TT reported there will be some staff changes, that involve Title 1 monies. Budget – he has some wants for the list. Goals to help with accelerated kids. TT hoping for more parent involvement.

Adjustments (Omitted in the beginning) – JS and grants. Tentative – JS has a grant for Garden for Learning. TT and JS have not had time to meet and discuss grant and fundamental for it working. JS attended a Retreat for grants in Barre on April 16. This retreat was available to
others ILMCO paid for JS to attend (4 hours ended up being 6 hours of learning). Suggestions to use other Community organizations and libraries for gardens. KC was interested in the garden program as are others. Bob Dean, Selby and Maureen Turner. (KC has too many things happening to be involved right now.) Need to prepare the beds, so they are ready to go. Tools - gardens for learning, requires 6 hours a week for 4 - 6 weeks. Person needs to do a site visit and look at location for gardens and beds. (Issues with liability for school/community.)

Litrec Grant - could that be part of the curriculum. NE Grassroots Seed Fund for Fall Program for gardens. Beginning program not set, Grassroots is on hold. JS would be site coordinator.

Superintendent’s Report: (Attached) LK went over the report. Innovation Grant, GISU Board Meeting (reorganization), Hiring of Curriculum Director, 2016 – 2017 School Calendar, School Nurse Search, Audit Bid update. Agenda Building for June, Special Education, Business Office Update and important dates coming up.

Hot Lunch Program Board discussion was held about the lunch program. Lunch program should be a separate item. (Lunch Program should never been absorbed into the School Board Budget.)

North Hero School has contacted ILM about the lunch program. Chef Lisa spoke about the fact NH does not like the meals provided by the Abbey. There is a need to get the entire budget from NH for their lunch program to see if workable to provide the meals to the school. Chef Lisa would prepare the meals for both ILM and NH. Discussion was held on how this would work and feasibility. GISU may know the entire revenues for NH lunch program.

Act 46 meeting Next meeting at ILM school April 26 at 600 PM. Notice to go home to parents, post in Front Porch Forum. Board hopes to hear from community members about the school. Committee members JR and JZ attended a meeting on April 14 at South Burlington Middle School about a possible proposal for Act 46.

Policy Manual BL will review the policy manual, document still for school use to the public. Historically, same manual with changes to the school. What rooms are available to be used and used for what? Lisa Best needs to inform people while using the kitchen of uses and how things are handled. Certification from Lisa – she has spoken to people using the kitchen and they are aware of the uses. 7 Day Advance policy for booking the Multipurpose Room. Fee will be charged if not cleaned. No Storage of items for any group in the kitchen areas. Storage is a violation of Policy – letter to go out about the storage. There will be no use of the Library area! We need to update the form for use of the building. The need to warn change of school use, storage and violation this policy.

Budget to Actuals Budget reviewed along with the actuals as of March 30. We have the need to make some repairs within the school (the side door). JR made the motion to approve the payables of $78,550.71. Seconded by LK. All in favor.

8:54pm - 9:27pm Executive Session
JZ made the motion to offer contracts to teachers with modifications made by TT and LK. 2nd by JR. All voted in favor.

9:29 PM LK Adjourned the meeting.

Louise Koss

Jennifer Rafferty

Jane Zera