

Chebeague Island School Committee  
Meeting Minutes with the Yarmouth School Committee  
October 14, 2023  
8:45 A.M.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Yarmouth School Committee Chair David Ray. Yarmouth School Committee members present were Newell Augur, Christina Patrick, Kate Shub and Director of Teaching and Learning, Shanna Crofton. Chebeague Island School School Committee members in attendance were Elizabeth Doughty, Nancy Earnest and Jeff Putnam and Superintendent; Ann Kirkpatrick.

**Welcome and Introductions-** All present went around and introduced themselves.

**School Safety-** Shanna Crofton described the Yarmouth protocols for school safety. It is a blend of the "Alice" and "I Love You Guys" programs. All grade levels go through an age appropriate training. The elementary school is focused on following the directions of the teachers. As the students get older; middle school and high school they have table talks and process the procedures in small groups (advisory). The schools are connected through interdistrict communication. All adults in the buildings/district have the authority/responsibility/empowerment to start the alarm.

All classrooms have a 'go bucket' for the stay in place. There are first aid items as well as trash bags and toilet paper.

Parents are communicated through the Yarmouth PowerSchool website; email and text.

**Chebeague Students at Yarmouth Schools-** When the Middle School and High School teachers, and administrators were asked about the Chebeague Island students, the answer was that they transition well. There are not academic deficiencies or social/emotional differences from their peers

The 6th grade transition was discussed. It was requested that there be a tour of the middle school building. This year's step up day was about an hour one afternoon.

In the past the guidance counselor spent time at Chebeague and possibly a couple students to form buddies for the transition.

Next year, there will be only one fifth grader transitioning to sixth grade at Yarmouth and there will not be any seventh or eighth graders from Chebeague in the building for guidance and moral support.

**Collaboration-** The elementary teachers are in a book study this fall; Yardsticks. Shanna will connect the literacy and math coaches with the lead teacher on Chebeague. Literacy is moving to the Science of Reading. The math curriculum(Everyday Math) is being reviewed this year. Chebeague Island School Science and Social Studies Curriculum is on a 3 year cycle. It is on the website.

**Other Opportunities-** Field trips to Chebeague Island, to experience the boat and where classmates live, to utilize the land trust educational opportunities, use the Hook for erosion studies and the use of the Historical Society archives.

Other Topics- Chebeague Island School Committee shared that there was a turn over of the teaching staff this summer. Next year the school committee will be searching for a new Superintendent, Special Education Director and Administrative Assistance. We are still looking for a Special Education resource room teacher.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the Chebeague Island School**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann C. Kirkpatrick; Superintendent