

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of June 8, 2017  
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Michael Loughran at 7:00 PM.

B. Open Session:

Present are:

Michael Loughran  
Kristin Mirliani  
Meg Gannon  
John Bonnanzio  
Reuki Schutt

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent  
Barry Nectow, Business Manager  
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary  
Public  
Staff  
Press

C. Public Comments/Questions: No public comments.

D. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Fischer-Mueller provided an update on a variety of matters going on throughout the district which included:

Superintendent's Activities

Facilities Master Plan. The Working Group has continued to meet with the Dore and Whittier team to further develop the feedback from participants of the third Visioning Day held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Dore and Whittier team will hold a second community presentation on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee is on track for the final Master Plan to be finished this summer, followed by presentations to the School Committee and general public (dates to be determined).

Hiring Processes. Administrators are leading the hiring processes for vacancies in a variety of roles across the school district. Specifically regarding the K-12 Visual Arts Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent Henderson hosted two finalists yesterday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The finalists' day included teaching a lesson at GMS and interviews with Central Office administrators and principals. Feedback from the interviews will be reviewed and references checked before an offer is extended to

one of the finalists. In September the new administrators will be introduced to the School Committee.

#### Indicators of Excellence

Norfolk County Teachers Association Awards. On Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, two staff members and one CHS student were honored at the Norfolk County Teachers Association (NCTA) Awards Ceremony. The Superintendent thanked Katie Leazott, NCTA Director for CPS, for providing the following information on the NCTA Awards:

The Norfolk County Teachers Association honors two people from each district every year to show appreciation for all they do for public education. The Honor Award is given to an educator in the district for their significant contribution to Educational Service, Community Service, and Association Service. The Service Award is given to an individual layperson or group who has demonstrated support and interest in education in the community. NCTA also honors one student from each district with the Harland L. Cook Book Award.

The Superintendent announced the 2017 NCTA Award recipients:

Honor Award: Joyce Stenmon, K-12 Visual Arts Coordinator

Service Award: Peter Gandolfo, Custodian CHS

Harland L. Cook Book Award, Katherine Pineo, Canton High School Senior

#### Professional Development – Summer 2017.

Project Based Learning – Thirty-five Canton educators will participate in Project Based Learning from June 26-28 with two additional days in the fall. The Buck Institute for Education will again provide this training.

Standards Based Report Card – The elementary Standards Based Report Card PLC will continue work on the development of the final parent information booklet outlining expectations for each grade level in all content areas. This brochure will accompany the Standards Based Report cards.

Science Curriculum Mapping Committee – This group of ten elementary teachers and five GMS teachers will meet throughout the summer to develop units matched to the new Science/Technology standards. Work will continue with Jayne Moore and Katie Clarke, Teachers 21 Education Consultant. New units will be presented and put into place during the 17-18 school year.

Technology Integration – This two-day workshop provided each summer will offer educators further training in Google in Education, Discovery Education, multimedia presentation development and more. The workshop will be provided by our technology integration faculty.

Cell phone Photography and Videography – This two-day workshop will focus on the grammar of photography and video, digital storytelling, useful apps for

tablets/smart phones, video software for workstations, basic editing, and rubrics and standards for multimedia. This workshop will be provided by Ed McDonough, Visual Arts and Television/Broadcast faculty member.

Facilitative Leadership – Gene Thompson-Grove will return to the district the last week in June to provide a two-day workshop, Facilitative Leadership, for school and district administrators.

GMS Pilot Team – The five teachers of the pilot seventh grade team will be meeting four weeks in the summer to participate in Project Based Learning, and Inclusive and Developmentally Appropriate Practice professional development. Additionally, they will be developing multidisciplinary units to put into place in the 17-18 school year. This team will work with Jen Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Deb Bromfield, Director for Student Services and Dr. William Conard, principal at GMS.

Collaborative Problem Solving – Ben Stich will provide a “refresher” course on August 29<sup>th</sup> for all educators who are interested and have previously attended the full training. This will be the sixth year of continuing work in Collaborative Problem Solving.

Experiential Education and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Wellness Curriculum – A group of wellness educators will be rewriting the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Wellness curriculum with consultant Nate Folan and K-12 Wellness Coordinator, Ryan Gordy.

Technology Tools – Staff will be offered training opportunities in August to introduce the new absence management system, Frontline, as well as the new gradebook system (within our current student information management system, Rediker) that will be implemented next year.

New Educator Orientation and Substitute Educator Orientation – Every year new educators are welcome to the Canton Public Schools with a two-day orientation in August, and another two days for substitute teachers.

#### Important Dates and Events

Tuesday, June 13 – Elementary Concert

Wednesday, June 14 – GMS Cultural Heritage Night, 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday, June 14 – CPACSS Meeting

Thursday, June 15 – Future of Our Schools – Facilities Master Plan Presentation

Friday, June 16 – Last Day for Pay and Ride Applications

Monday, June 19 – Last Day for PreK and Kindergarten

Tuesday, June 20 - Luce Kindergarten Screening

Wednesday, June 21 – Hansen Kindergarten Screening

Thursday, June 22 – JFK Kindergarten Screening

Friday, June 23 – Last day of school for Grades 1-11

E. Old Business –

1. CTA Plaque Naming: Robie Peter requested approval to mount a plaque at the entrance of the Luce School in honor of a former Luce student. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Meg Gannon. It was voted 5-0

5 yea            0 nay

2. Policy 1st Read: Kristin Mirliani presented the 1<sup>st</sup> read for Interscholastic Athletes Policy (File #JJIB). John Bonnanzio motioned to waive the second read for the Interscholastic Athletes Policy (File #JJIB). Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yea            0 nay

John Bonnanzio motioned to approve the Interscholastic Athletes Policy (File #JJIB). Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yea            0 nay

F. New Business

1. World Language Awards: Heidi Olsen presented an overview and the recipients of the World Language Awards. The following students were recognized:

Grade 7 FRENCH HONOR CERTIFICATE (Madame Keverian)

Honor (1)

Carly LaFrance

Grade 8 FRENCH HONOR CERTIFICATE

Honor (14)

Veronica Bell

Michael Bornstein

Kayla Camille

Valerie Casimir

Amanda Duffin

Vedanti Kamble

Sarah Kelly

Rachel Kupferman

Skyler Lam

Holly MacMullen

Michael Mondillo  
Nam Pham  
Matt Thompson  
Mia Walsh

Bronze (3)

Kylie Callagee  
Laura Emde  
Anna Reilly  
Silver (2)  
Stephen Derbin  
Harshitha Valluri

2017 World Language Awards Night Recipients  
National Spanish Examinations – Galvin Middle School

GRADE 7

Honor (5)- (Jana McNeil)

Andres Castro  
Mia Galvin  
John Kelleher  
Sara Lopez Rodriguez  
Caroline Wong

Honor (2)-(Diane Keverian)-2 award winners

Clara Lipson  
Emily Lynch

Honor (2)-(Laurie Moore)-2 award winners

Alexander Hartman  
Tess O’Riordan

Bronze (1)- (Jana McNeil)

Diego Leyva

Silver (1)- (Jana McNeil)

Ana Beatriz Serodio

GRADE 8

Honor (3)- (Laurie Moore)

Aaron Mar  
Marie Messinger  
Patrick O’Leary

Honor (6)- (Señora Bajramovic)

Steven Burbank  
Angela Elias

Katherine Larsen  
Meredith Madden  
Kaitlin McKenna  
Amanda Vrabel  
Bronze (1)- (Laurie Moore)  
Sawyer Julier-Albert

2017 World Language Awards Night Recipients  
National Spanish Examinations – Galvin Middle School  
Bronze (3)- (Señora Bajramovic)  
Elizabeth Bickett  
Caitlyn Cahill  
Jack Hernon  
Silver (2) (Laurie Moore)  
Emma Cao  
Alexandra Lopez Rodriguez  
Silver (2)- (Señora Bajramovic)  
Isabella Botelho  
Simela Donovan  
Gold (1)- (Señora Bajramovic)  
Megan Winkler

2017 World Language Awards Night Recipients  
FRENCH  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Special French Awards  
Excellence  
Carly LaFrance (Madame Keverian)  
Lauren Hernon (Monsieur Snipe)  
Stephanie Trendell (Monsieur Snipe)  
Growth & Progress/Continuous Improvement  
Amy Hylen (Monsieur Snipe)  
Hailey Lennon (Madame Keverian)

SPANISH  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Spanish Awards  
Excellence  
Ana Beatriz Serodio (Señora McNeil)  
Corinne Campbell (Señora McNeil)  
Carly Fitzgerald (Señora Moore)  
Nicholas Bonanno (Señora Keverian)  
Megan (María) Winkler (Señora Bajramovic)  
Alexandra Lopez Rodriguez  
Graham Stemm (Señora McNeil)

Growth & Continuous Improvement

Zachary Peters (Señora Moore)  
Allie McCabe (Señora Keverian)  
Joseph Gerrior (Señora Bajramovic)

MEDALS FOR GERMAN 1 (Frau Haver)

Honor (4)

Bronwyn Mahoney  
Leah McDonnell  
Maddie McDonough  
Samuel Walter

Bronze (3)

Anthony Bautista  
Benjamin Colson  
Mason Gregerman

MEDALS FOR GERMAN 2 (Frau Haver)

Honor Certificates (4)

Bronze (4)

Gold (1)

2017 World Language Awards Night Recipients

CHS Students

Academic Excellence (AE)-academic excellence, rigor, integrity, honesty, resilience, leadership, and class contributions

Brandon Pho (grade 10, Mandarin-Jian Sun)  
Sydney Weng (grade 9, Spanish 2 H-Michael Farkas)  
Jessica Powers (grade 11, Spanish 4 CP-Michael Farkas)  
Maddie Mantel (ASL 1-Elizabeth Bartz)  
Claire Belisle (ASL 2-Elizabeth Bartz)  
Chris Milne (French 4 H-Sharyn Hallal)

Continuous Improvement (CI)-academic growth; enthusiasm; positive attitude; inquisitive nature; desire to learn more and take risks

Nicholas Kuk (grade 11, Mandarin-Jian Sun)  
Zachary Lum (Spanish 2 CP-Sara McDonald)  
Fiona Gilmore (Spanish 3 CP-Sara McDonald)  
Riley McDonnell (German-Johanna Haver)  
Jack Trendell (German-Johanna Haver)  
Dante Rivera (Spanish 1CP-Carol Brooks)  
Antony Thelismond (ASL 1-Elizabeth Bartz)  
Anita Wexler-Jenkins (French 2 H-Becky Stiles)

Jason Chapin (Spanish 2 H-Pam D'Agostino)

Leadership & Service (L & S)-student is a leader and a model for his/her classmates and takes initiative; collaborates and helps others

Tyler Czyras (grade 11, Spanish 4 CP-Mike Farkas)

Perla Montan (French 3H-Sharyn Hallal)

Building Cultural Connections (BCC)-Students who participated in the German Exchange Program will receive this award and Jenny Wolicki

World Language/Global Citizen (WL/GC)

Srimayi Chaturvedula - member of the Project RISE group

2. Canton Parent Advisory Council for Student Services (CPACSS): Debra Bromfield gave a presentation on CPACSS. CPACSS mission statement is to work for the understanding of, respect for and support of all children with special needs in the community.
3. Personnel Appointment: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller presented Patricia Kinsella as the recommendation for the temporary position of Assistant Superintendent of Special Projects. After discussion, Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the recommendation of Patricia Kinsella to the temporary position of Assistant Superintendent of Special Projects. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yea            0 nay

4. Facilities Master Plan Presentation: Dore and Whittier provided a presentation on the Facilities Master plan which included findings such as facilities physical condition, enrollment projections, and educational vision. The list of objectives that need to be met are to address physical conditions, alignment of facilities and educational vision, eliminating missing and inappropriate spaces, alleviating existing and future overcrowding, co-locate Pre-K programs with elementary grades, and improving district offices. The Dore and Whittier team also presented several options for the district and the assumed cost of the short listed options. Another presentation was given to the community as well as a question and answer session on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 PM.
5. Recertification of Residency: The School Committee reviewed the residency recertification process and after brief discussion Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the recertification letter to be sent to all families with



students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. John Bonnanzio seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yea            0 nay

6. Superintendent Evaluation: Chairman, Michael Loughran briefly discussed the process of evaluating the Superintendent. A meeting will be held on July 18th with a representative from MASC to review the process.
7. Lunch Price: Martha Lawless, Director of Food Services, presented a recommendation for an increase to school lunch price. The guidelines are set forth from the USDA for lunch prices. Reuki Schutt motioned to increase breakfast prices by \$.25 and increase lunch prices by \$.30. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 4-1.

4 yeas            1 nay

8. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow reported that the track resurfacing is starting by the end of the month and will take six weeks to finish. Mr. Nectow also reported that the Hansen Roof project will begin on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Bus registration closed on June 16<sup>th</sup> and all chrome books were distributed to the School Committee members.

#### G. Routine Matters

1. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the minutes dated May 4, 2017. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0-1. Reuki Schutt abstained.

4 yeas            0 nay            1 abstain

2. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the Executive Minutes dated May 4, 2017. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0-1. Reuki Schutt abstained.

4 yeas            0 nay            1 abstain

3. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the Executive Minutes dated May 4, 2017 for public release. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0-1. Reuki Schutt abstained.

4 yeas            0 nay            1 abstain

4. Kristin Mirliani motioned to approve the Bill Schedule dated June 15, 2017. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas            0 nay

H. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Dr. Jenifer Fischer-Mueller
2. CPC – John Bonnanzio
3. BRC- Reuki Schutt
4. Wellness- Meg Gannon
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon
6. Policy – Kristin Mirliani
7. Paul Revere Building Use Committee – Michael Loughran requested a School Committee Member be voted to represent the Paul Revere Use Committee. After discussion Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the subcommittee and appoint John Bonnanzio to represent the subcommittee. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was vote 5-0.

5 yeas            0 nay

8. Paul Revere Heritage Commission - John Bonnanzio explained the purpose of the Paul Revere Heritage Commission. After discussion Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the subcommittee and appoint John Bonnanzio to represent the subcommittee. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was vote 5-0.

5 yeas            0 nay

- I. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

- J. Other Business –

- K. Adjournment – Kristin Mirliani motioned adjourn at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Meg Gannon. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas            0 nay