

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of October 6, 2016
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

The back-up support documents for each agenda item are arranged in the order listed below.

A. Open Session called to order by John Bonnanzio @ 6:35 PM.

Present are:

John Bonnanzio
Reuki Schutt
Kristin Mirliani
Michael Loughran
Meg Gannon

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent of Schools
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Barry Nectow, Business Manager
Community Members
Press

B. Routine Matters

1. Motion to approve Minutes dated September 22, 2016. It was voted 4-0-1.

4 yeas 0 nay 1 abstain

2. Motion to approve Executive Minutes dated September 22, 2016. It was voted 4-0-1.

4 yeas 0 nay 1 abstain

3. Motion to approve Executive Minutes dated September 22, 2016 for public release.
It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

4. Motion to approve Bill Schedule dated October 13, 2016. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

C. Student Member Report: Student member, Nino Ruggeri, reported on the school events around the district. Nino's report included:

1. Rodman Early Childhood: The classrooms in our school read Only One You by Linda Kranz to highlight the uniqueness in each student. The pictures in the book are comprised of beautifully decorated rocks. After reading the story each student painted a special rock to show their own individuality. As part of the social and emotional curriculum, students are reading the book Miles of Smiles to see just how far a smile can travel and how it makes the students feel.

2. Luce: *The Energy Guys* presented to grades 3-5 last week and taught the students ways that they can save energy. They also began the annual collection known as *Nickels for Nutrition* which benefits the Canton Food Pantry. Last year the Luce donated over \$800 towards this cause.
3. Hansen: On September 30, the Hansen School participated in 'Go Gold' day to benefit Coins for a Cure and a Hansen student who is currently battling cancer. The Hansen community raised \$757.45. In addition, geography guy visited the Hansen School and met with all students in Grades K-5. Students learned about American History, How Stuff Works, and the Early Colonies.
4. JFK: Mallet Madness began this week. This is a new after school club where students can experience melody, harmony, form, musicianship, and improvisation on pitched and unpitched percussion instruments. Also, Kids for Peace will be starting a kindness rock garden. Students will paint and decorate rocks with friendly inspirational messages. Rocks will be left in a rock garden for people to take and spread random acts of kindness.
5. CHS: The Guidance Department coordinated a trip to the TEC College Fair last night and 75 students had the opportunity review college and career opportunities. The trip was done in conjunction with our MEFA night to help families with the financial aid process. Also, the students involved with the "We are Canton" project started their work this week, visiting the Galvin Middle School and interviewing staff and students at the high school.

D. Public Comments/Questions: No public comments.

E. Superintendent Report: Dr. Fischer-Mueller provided an update on a variety of matters including:

1. Entry Plan: Surveys have been launched. Participants include parents, community members, students and staff. Forums are also being scheduled and are posted on the Canton Public Schools website (<http://www.cantonma.org/pages/CantonPublicSchools/Departments/Superintendent/EntryPlanSurveys>) Dr. Fischer-Mueller anticipates completing my entry plan data collection in December and will be sharing information with administrators and begin analyzing the data, looking for patterns and identifying themes. Dr. Fischer-Mueller will present her Entry Plan Findings Report mid-January to early-February. The Findings Report will serve as the foundation for the development of a district improvement plan with strategic objectives and priorities, to be presented to the School Committee September 2017.
2. New Superintendent's Induction Program (NSIP) – Dr. Fischer-Mueller attended the third of seven Content Days for NSIP on October 5th. Content Days focus on the development of Superintendents' skills, knowledge and habits of mind critical to effective school district leadership. The next Content Day is November 16. Dr. Fischer-Mueller's appointed coach is Karla Baehr. Ms. Baehr is attending our next School Committee meeting, at which time she will provide you with a brief overview of the New Superintendent's Induction Program.
3. Canton Families Embracing Diversity (CFED) – Dr. Fischer-Mueller attended her first CFED meeting on Wednesday evening, September 28th where she met the members of CFED and heard about the group's successful. There were many comments about new families feeling welcomed and included as well as, stories that spoke of biases and stereotypes that were played out negatively and where diversity was not embraced.
4. Collaborating with the Police and Fire Departments: On Friday, September 30th Dr. Fischer-Mueller, Jen Henderson and Barry Nectow met with Lt. Rae and School Resource

Officers. The meeting included a review of the role of SROs and protocols for all safety drills. Dr. Fischer-Mueller also met with the Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP) committee. In addition to school district staff, the committee includes Lt. Rae, Chief Berkowitz and Chief Doody. The group talked about the previous District Safety Team and how the committee that meets to review the MERP can revisit the responsibilities of the District Safety Team and bring the value of both groups together as a single committee.

5. Student Enrollment: Dr Fischer-Mueller reported that residency has been confirmed for every student currently enrolled in 6th and 9th grade. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked Heather Sullivan (CHS) and Karen Flynn (GMS) for their work with parents and guardians to provide the documents required for this important verification process.
6. Indicators of Excellence: Dr. Fischer-Mueller congratulated the following on their achievements:
National Merit Scholars: Kyran Chu and Eric Solomon honored as Commended Scholars. Dasol Lee is honored as a semi-finalist and will continue in the process, in hopes of becoming a National Merit Scholar.
7. MA DESE Schedule of Accountability Reports and Assistance Levels: Official district and school-level PARCC, MCAS, and MCAS-Alt results were released to the public on September 26, along with the official accountability reports for all districts and schools. Individual student scores were mailed On October 6, 2016. In addition, school and district report cards are expected to be released in the next couple weeks.
8. MCAS/PARCC Workshop for Parents of Students in grades 3 – 8: Late last spring Assistant Superintendent Henderson provided parents with an overview of the PARCC test and the implications of having some of our students take this test on computers. A follow-up session to last spring's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 7PM at the GMS Library. At this session, Ms. Henderson will provide parents assistance in interpreting the PARCC and MCAS results and will give an overview of what to expect in the spring 2017 MCAS assessments.
9. Elementary Math Workshop for Parents: On Monday, September 26th, the three elementary math specialists conducted a workshop for parents and guardians of 1st to 5th grade students. The specialists provided an overview of the first four topics in the enVisionMATH program so that parents and guardians could support their children. The workshop was well attended with more than 80 participants. This is the first of four workshops that the math specialists will host, each workshop covering the next topics in the math program.
10. Early Release Day: The Professional Development and Common Planning Early Release Day on Wednesday, September 28th covered a number of topics. At the elementary level, grade level teachers met to discuss common assessment practices around the English Language Arts standards. The Galvin Middle School discussed their summer reading book The Happiness Advantage and the social and emotional curriculum included in the new Bulldog Block. The high school focused on Developing Collaboration and Thinking Skills and Building a Skilled 9th Grader. The preschool teachers focused on developing Tier 1 and 2 Social Emotional Learning.

F. Old Business: No old business

G. New Business

1. Class Size: Dr. William Conard, Galvin Middle School Principal, and Derek Folan, Principal at the High School presented the class size numbers the middle school and the high school. They reported that while some class sizes are larger, overall the class sizes have decreased. Many factors are taken into consideration when approving larger class size.
2. CHARMS Collaborative: Dr. Fischer-Mueller requested that the School Committee vote to approve the termination of the CHARMS Collaborative Agreement. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the termination of the CHARMS Collaborative Agreement. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0

5 yeas 0 nay

3. Rodman Early Childhood Center: Dr. Fischer-Mueller introduced Donna Kilday, Early Childhood Coordinator and congratulated the staff on their recent NAEYC Preschool accreditation. Ms. Kilday introduced the staff and congratulated them on becoming NAEYC accredited and thanked them for all their hard work. The accreditation will be in effect for five years.
4. MCAS/PARC: Jennifer Henderson and Jayne Moore presented the 2016 MCAS and PARCC test results. Ms. Henderson and Ms. Moore explained the scoring results and how to accurately compare them to previous years. The viewed presentation is available on the Canton Public Schools website under School Committee Presentations.

5. Out of State/Overnight Travel Requests:

- A. Mock Trial: Donna Creed-Bauman presented trip details and requested permission for the Mock Trial team to attend a seminar at Harvard University. This will be an overnight trip. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the Mock Trial overnight travel. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

- B. German Exchange Students to NYC: Principal, Derek Folan requested permission for the German Exchange Students, accompanied by two High School teachers, to attend the yearly trip to New York City. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the out of state and overnight travel. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

- C. Nino to Nationals: Ida Pappas requested permission for Nino Ruggerio to attend Nationals in Texas Reuki Schutt motioned to approve Nino's out of state and overnight travel. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

- D. Student Television Network: Ed McDonough, Maureen Dickie requested permission for students to travel out of state and overnight to California for the Student Television Network Convention and Communications Industry Tour. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the travel. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

H. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow, business manager, reported on the RFQ for the building study and that seven proposals were received. They have created a group that will be reviewing the top RFQs and the process is going smoothly. Mr. Nectow also reported that the Capital Budget is being worked on and will be presented sometime in November.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC- Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller/John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report
2. CPC – Reuki Schutt - Nothing to report
3. BRC- Michael Loughran - Nothing to report
4. Wellness- Meg Gannon - Nothing to report
5. Finance – Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon - Nothing to report
6. Building Use – John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report
7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani - Nothing to report

J. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2016

K. Other Business – No other business.

L. Adjournment – Kristin Mirliani motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. It was seconded by Meg Gannon. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nay