

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 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 at 6:35 PM. Reuki Schutt motioned to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. It was voted by roll call.

John Bonnanzio	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Kristin Mirliani	yea
Michael Loughran	yea
Meg Gannon	yea

- B. Open Session convened at 7:07 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

- C. Routine Matters

1. Motion to approve Minutes dated October 6, 2016. It was voted 4-0-1.

5 yeas 0 nays

2. Motion to approve Bill Schedule dated October 27, 2016. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays

- D. Student Member Report: Student member, Rachel Vatelina, reported on the school events around the district. Rachel's report included:

1. Luce: Luce students had the opportunity during their art classes to create cards and well wishes for a CHS student, who attended the Luce, and is currently undergoing rehabilitation in Boston. This week is also Circus Week. Students will have the opportunity during their gym classes to try their hand at performing circus tricks courtesy of the Luce CAPT. On Friday night the 5th graders will perform their own show for their parents and invited guests.

2. Hansen: Clifford visited the Kindergarten and First Grade students on Wednesday and students, staff, and families are busy preparing for the Hansen Fall Festival. The festival is scheduled to take place on Saturday from 11:00 - 4:00.
3. JFK: The 5th graders have started Reading Buddies with the 1st graders and the Kindergarten had a visit from Clifford.
4. GMS: Thursday, October 6th was Fit-4-Fund\$ day, The fundraiser raised \$34,744. Thanks to the combined efforts of students collecting donations and with faculty and family support, CAPT is now able to fund the student programming, guest speakers, field trip transportation and other enrichment opportunities for this current school year for all grades. GMS School Counselors hosted their first of three parent coffees of the school year on October 17th. This first coffee focused on new families and grade 6 parents.
5. CHS: Canton High School hosted its 4th annual CHS showcase where over 70 clubs, teams and programs were on display in the gymnasium. Club reps and captains met with middle school students to establish relationships and give the incoming students a sense of belonging at the high school. Canton High School also hosted the PSAT day. Juniors and Sophomores (380 students) took the tests while the Freshman and Seniors participated in team building activities on the turf field that were organized by the Old Colony YMCA. Kelly Kitley also spoke on the dangers of addiction and importance of resilience. Her workshop was sponsored by a CAPE grant.

E. Public Comments/Questions: No public comments.

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

1. Superintendent's Activities - The Superintendent is continuing work on the Entry Plan Survey and Forums. A current total of 356 participants, including students, staff, administrators, parents/guardians, town employees, and community members have completed the survey so far. A forum for Galvin Middle School parents will be held on November 10, at 7PM in the library followed by the Canton High School parent forum on November 15, at 7PM in the CHS library. There will be also be school-based staff meetings and a forum for parents of young children scheduled in the near future.

In addition, all schools will practice an Enhanced Lockdown in the coming weeks to insure that students are comfortable with the procedures of a lockdown. Students will receive instructions about lockdown procedures and must take these directions seriously. Individual school crisis teams will debrief with the police or SRO following each drill and feedback will be provided to all faculty and students. After an Enhanced Lockdown Drill has occurred, we will send home a communication updating you about the drill. This information will also give parents/guardians an opportunity to talk with their child about what happened. For more information, you may also read the Safety and Security section of our Family Handbook.

2. Indicators of Excellence:
MCAS/PARCC Parent/Guardian Information Night - On Thursday, October 13th, approximately 30 parents attended an informational session regarding the interpretation of PARCC and MCAS parent reports which were mailed home last week. The Superintendent thanked Jayne Moore, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Administrator, principals Robie Peter, Christine McMahon, David Brauning and Bill Conard, Tech Integration Administrator April Goran and Asst. Superintendent Jen

Henderson for compiling the summary of the district data and explanatory notes for the parent reports.

Vertical Teams Curriculum Mapping - A group of 40 educators met on Thursday, October 13th for a half day session to continue their work in vertically aligning the curriculum from Pre-K to grade 12 with emphasis on backwards design, project based assessments, and student unit organizers. The afternoon session involved educators focusing on the new Science and Technology standards.

Lesbian Bi-sexual Gay Transgender and Queer (LBGTQ) Training - There will be a LGBTQ identities training on Oct 28 for several staff members from each building. This training will cover:

- An update in vocabulary and concepts related to LBGTQ identities
- Transgender students' needs
- Best practices for creating a supportive environment for transgender students.

Title I Parent/Guardian Information Night - Over 70 parents and guardians attended our annual Title I Information Night. The parents participated in an information session held at Luce Elementary School while the children attended a "reading party." Dr. Fischer-Mueller extended her appreciation to Kim Seaver, our full time Title I reading specialist, Becky Reinhold and Amanda Walsh, reading specialists at Luce and Hansen respectively, administrators at our Title I schools Robie Peter and David Brauninger, and Asst. Superintendent Jen Henderson. Also in attendance were Title I tutors Christine Hynes and Carol Wilshire.

Elementary Grade Level PD - This week, the elementary teachers participated in a 2-hour grade level Professional Learning Community focused on continued improvement of math instruction impacting student achievement.

Diversity Education - Thirteen administrators and a member of CFED attended a conference sponsored by the Mass Partnership for Diversity in Education on October 7th featuring Claude Steele, author of *Whistling Vivaldi*. The conference was titled "*Increased Diversity in the Classroom: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions*".

Project Based Learning - On November 3, 4 and 5th, thirty five Canton educators will participate in professional development on Project Based Learning. The California based Buck Institute for Education will be sending speaker Telannia Nofar, one of their national speakers. The third day of this intensive training, Saturday, Nov. 5th, will include a "tuning protocol" during which students will be invited to provide input on the projects developed by the educators. Telannia will then return to our district in the spring 2017 to work with the educators in their classrooms.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) - The STEAM Professional Learning Community, comprised of 18 educators and administrators and one high school student have updated their vision which will soon be posted on the website along with their 2016-17 revised goals. The new STEAM Vision is: As lifelong learners, we will develop skills that nurture inquiry and spark innovative thinking through collaborative exploration and active ownership in solving real world challenges.

Bullying Prevention. Representatives from each building recently went through Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention sponsored by MARC (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center). Next steps include providing this training to all educators who are

new to our district during the Mentor Training PLC, presenting at each faculty meeting and offering workshops to the public. Ryan Gordy, K-12 Wellness Coordinator, is overseeing the roll-out of this training. Each year we are required to update all faculty and provide informational sessions to the public.

Facilities - Dr. Fischer-Mueller reported that Canton Public Schools recently hired a professional testing firm to test for radon in all 6 of our buildings. We will be receiving the results in the next few days. This was not a requirement, but

3. Upcoming Events

November 14 - National Honor Society (Superintendent and SC Member to attend)

Oct 21 - Luce Circus

German Exchange Breakfast - October 24 @ 8:15 (School Committee Members invited)

October 26 Early Release

October 27 - Evening Parent Conferences

November 5 *Cantonstock* - Music Counts! Fundraiser

No School November 8 - Election Day

G. Old Business:

- I. MCAS/PARC: This topic was tabled and will be discussed if any further questions come forward.

H. New Business

1. Out of State/Overnight Travel Requests:

- A. Volleyball: Derek Folan, CHS principal requested permission for the Volleyball team to attend a college Volleyball game in Rhode Island. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the out of state travel. Kristin Mirliani seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

- B. Basketball: Derek Folan, CHS principal, requested permission for the girls and boys basketball teams to travel to the Dunkin Donuts Center in Rhode Island. 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. Junior State of America (JSA): Derek Folan, CHS principal and student Chris Milne requested permission for the JSA to travel to Boston for an overnight trip. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the travel. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

- D. Montreal: Galvin Middle School teacher, Mr. Matthew Snipe, requested permission to take student to Montreal for the yearly French trip. Mr. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the travel. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

2. New Superintendent Induction Program (NSIP) - Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller introduced Karla Baehr, her New Superintendent Induction Program coach. Ms. Baehr explained the program and the intended outcomes of the Superintendent's participation. Through the program the superintendent will developed an entry plan and an intended plan for the district. NSIP is a three year program.
3. FY18 Capital Budget Calendar- Barry Nectow, business administrator, presented the capital budget calendar to the school committee. A copy of the timeline can be found in the additional materials section of the School Committee website.
4. Policy First Reads – Kristin Mirliani and Debra Bromfield, Director of Student Services, presented the School Committee with the first reads of the Home or Hospital Instruction, Homeschooling, and Searches Polices for a first read. Suggestions for corrections were made. Derek Folan, CHS principal, was asked to comment on the Searches Policy. The updated policies will be ready for a second read at the next meeting.
5. Facilities RFQ – Barry Nectow, business administrator, reported on the plans for the Building Educational Visioning Study. Three interviews were conducted and the RFQ committee recommended Dore & Whittier, Inc to be awarded the contract. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve the recommendation of Dore & Whittier, Inc be awarded the contract. Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nay

- I. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow, business manager, did not have any additional business items.
- J. 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 reported on the most recent meeting of the Wellness team. The meeting included updates from Bailey Hewitt, District Resource Nurse, Martha Lawless, Food Services Director, and Ryan Gordy, Wellness coordinator. Ms. Hewitt reported that the 10 school Nurses are now using Ipads and are happy with the improvements. The High School will also start the Substance Abuse Screenings in November. Mr. Gordy reported on the new "Adventure Education" program that will be implemented in K-12. This program will help students feel for comfortable in their classrooms as well as Physical Education class. Ms. Lawless reported that the food programs are going smoothly and the new Breakfast program at the Rodman Early Education Center has many participants.
 5. Finance – Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon – A meeting has been set for November 4th, 2016 and the new Budget Schedule has been announced.
 6. Building Use – John Bonnanzio - Nothing to report
 7. Policy – Kristin Mirliani – Many more policy updates to come. The subcommittee is going over the entire policy book.
- K. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, November 3, 2016
- L. Other Business – No other business.

M. Adjournment – Reuki Schutt motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. It was seconded by Meg Gannon.
It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays