

## **MEMO**

**TO: Jen Henderson, Barry Nectow, Derek Folan**

**FROM: Danny Erickson**

**DATE: August 11, 2015**

**RE: Projected ice rental cost estimates for 2015-16 season**

### **Background**

Immediately after the collapse of the Metropolis Rink ("Ponky") on February 28, 2015, Canton High School Athletic Director Danny Erickson and Boys Ice Hockey Coach Brian Shuman contacted local ice rink facilities to secure icetime for the school's boys and girls teams for the 2015-2016 season. By April 2015, the Canton Sportsplex and Boch Ice Arena had provided CHS with a list of open times that offered a comparable amount of morning and afternoon ice slots for the boys varsity, boys JV and girls varsity programs that was comparable (but still less than) the amount secured at Ponky in years past.

The loss of Ponky will result in a significant increase in the cost of ice for our teams this upcoming season.

### **Goals/Conditions**

1. Maintain the same hours of ice time for our programs.
2. In following the lead of SC, try to limit the early morning practice times.
3. Only utilize rinks within reasonable distance to CHS- less than 10 miles.

### **Practice time**

We will use the Canton Sportsplex and Boch Ice Arena in Dedham.

Sportsplex- 6.5 miles from CHS

Boch- 5.4 miles from CHS

Also working to get Bajko in Hyde Park- 7.2 miles from CHS.

#### Most Weeks Would Feature:

- 4 days per week 6:00 AM practice ice on Boch large ice sheet
- 2 days per week 3:00 PM practice ice on large Boch ice sheet
- 3 days per week 6:00 AM practice ice on Sportsplex B-Rink (smaller rink)
- 1 day per week 9:00 PM practice ice on Sportsplex B-Rink (smaller rink)

Boys and Girls Varsity teams will each have 4 hours/week (typical week) of practice ice including both afternoon and morning practices. Boys JV team will average 2 hours of practice ice/week.

## Game Ice time

This is much more of a moving target at this point but we anticipate "hosting" (being responsible for ice costs) for roughly 5 boys games and 5 girls games this winter. The Sportsplex,, Shea and Bajko will likely be our host rinks for home games. Shea rink is in Quincy and is 9.6 miles from CHS. Our game schedule will continue to be built through October.

JV Boys will play in a Hockomock League JV league hosted at the Foxboro Sports Center.

## Costs

The breakdown of anticipated cost estimates for 2015-16 are as follows:

Boch ice for practices-	\$22,100
Sportsplex ice for practices-	\$12,985
JV Boys Hockey League-	\$ 3,500
Home Games-	\$ 6,000 (based on \$600 average game cost)
Playoffs-	\$ 4,500 (based on 15 hours of ice at \$300)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,085</b>

Total ice costs for 2014-15 were- **\$35,366**

**Therefore we anticipate an increase of roughly- \$13,700**

## Other considerations

- Transportation to out-of-town rinks needs to be discussed. This could have additional budgetary impact.
- The growing girls program will require a bit more ice time this year than in the past as we transition to a full program in the 16/17 school year.
- There is uncertainty as to when Ponky will be back up and running so this impact could be beyond this season.

# Superintendent's Report

## August 20, 2015

CHS Robotix Team work with  
St. Girard's Camp students

Topics/Events that will be covered:



1. Summer hiring update
2. Update on New Educator Orientation
3. Enrollment Update
4. Residency Update
5. Canton Academy – written update included in packet
6. Our CHS Robotix team worked at St. Gerard's camp
7. Update on Professional Development Programs that occurred in last two weeks
8. Medical Emergency Response Plan
9. Summer reading program at all levels
10. New Lip Dub this year at the high school (working now on the planning)
11. Crunch time – last two weeks before school and then we roll!
  - Final Management Retreat – August 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Appreciation luncheon for those who have been here all summer prepping for the school year
  - Growth/Development and Support Programs
    - Substitute Educator Orientation Program – August 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Grade 9 Orientation/Boomerang Program on August 26<sup>th</sup> for entering freshmen
    - New Educator and Mentoring Program on August 26-27<sup>th</sup>
  - Aug 24 football season begins and August 27<sup>th</sup> other sports
  - Upcoming Communications to parents
  - September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Educators return to school for PD and faculty meetings
  - September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students return to school
12. Acknowledge central office administrators and support staff, Food Services, Business Office staff, and facilities staff, school administrators and support staff, all who have worked tirelessly to put us in a very solid place to start the year. Additionally we had many educators coming in and out over the summer participating in PD, interviews and/or working in the Canton Academy program.

## Canton Academy Summary Report Summer 2015

This year we had our 11<sup>th</sup> year. 11 years of a successful experience for all the kids, their families and THE TEACHERS ARE THE REASON!! They are a dedicated group, who in such a short time, form a wonderful bond with the students. A lot of these teachers come back year to year and form an incredible alliance with the students and their families. It is very common for me to hear from a parent "hey is teacher X coming back." A great majority of the families come back year after year, which is a true testament of the quality programming provided by Canton Academy and the teachers. There are many options for the children of Canton and if we weren't doing our job, then we would see it in a significant decline in enrollment year after year. There was a nice article this summer on Canton Academy in the Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Canton Citizen.

This summer was incredibly successful from a programming standpoint. As previously mentioned, enrollment ranges from 350-400 kids. **We had about 450 kids take advantage of our program – the most in our 11 years.** The program is very popular with the K-5 age group. In talking with parents and kids we tried again this year to offer several middle school classes as to not lose the kids who have been doing it for several years. We ran classes like Video Game Design, Sculpture, Robotics and Comic Art etc for the grades 5/6-8. Enrollment in those classes was significant and we will continue to look at ways to expand that for next year.

Financially, we still have a few reimbursements outstanding but we will realize a profit of about **\$3500** this year. With that said, the finances are on solid footing. Combined with the previous year's balance, Canton Academy has a balance of over **\$12,000.00**. As directed to me by past Superintendents, this is a self funding program with the goal being - give the kids and community a great experience and don't lose money. So I am very happy to say that at the 11 year mark Canton Academy financially is doing well and from a community standpoint we have earned the respect and admiration from the kids and parents as providing a fun, engaging, safe and caring experience.

Of particular pride and satisfaction was that over 50 classes (totaling close to \$6,000) were taken advantage of by students who otherwise wouldn't have been able to participate due to finances. Being able to offer so many classes to those in need go with the Canton Academy philosophy of not turning anyone away from the program due to financial constraints. Whether it was an enrichment course, academic class (math or language arts) or extended day, these students were able to enjoy all that Canton Academy has to offer, make new friends and not have to worry about how to pay for it.

In my previous paragraph I mentioned the phrase "caring experience". Although the program is large, we insist upon giving the students extra personal attention and caring. Whether knowing a family going through a tough time is unable to pay for the classes or needs help we will take care of it. Showing up early or staying late to accommodate different schedules, every morning the kids meet in a common area with high five's, hello's, pats on the back etc from me and the staff and the list goes on. To me and the staff this isn't just about a regular enrichment experience but the kids and families know that we genuinely care about them and will do whatever we can to make this a time they will remember.

Respectfully,  
Ed Amico  
Director, Canton Academy