

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2019  
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Open Session: Chair Mirliani calls meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani  
Michael Loughran  
Meg Gannon  
Reuki Schutt  
Nichola Gallagher

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent  
Barry Nectow, Business Manager  
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary  
Srimaya Chaturvela, Student Representative  
Press  
Staff  
Public

B. Public Comments/Questions:

- C. Student Report: Srimaya Chaturvela visited the Lt. Peter M. Hansen School and the William H. Galvin Middle School. Srimaya reported on Kindness Week activities at the Hansen in which the whole school participated. The CHS Character Crew also visited the Hansen and supported the Kindness Week agenda. Srimaya also spoke to teachers about celebrating Black History Month and what it might look like in schools. Much like Kindness Week, GMS participates in Pawsitivity Week, Everyone Counts Day and A World of Difference. These activities provide opportunities for recognizing kind acts and promoting acceptance among peers.

D. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

Kindness Week: Last week, the Hansen School held its annual Kindness Week. 4th grade students presented skits, sang songs, and celebrated acts of kindness. Next week, JFK will hold its annual Kindness Week celebrations.

Keeping Up With The Kennedy: Mr. Houle's class and Ms. Binks class collaborated to have students read, paint, dance, and play with moon sand. Grade 5 students requested this opportunity as their reward for earning a certain number of compliment points. This collaborative act was inspired by the students after reading the book, Because of Mr. Terupt.

Updates

Luce Principal Search: On Monday, February 4, finalist, Mr. Christopher Basta spent the day meeting with various stakeholders and visiting the Dean S. Luce Elementary School. With each stakeholder meeting, including parents, staff and students, participants completed the feedback form which the Search Committee reviewed at the end of the day.

We will welcome our second finalist, Ms. Yeshi Gaskin on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

Substitutes: Since the December campaign to increase the substitute pool and the recent pay increase for substitutes, CPS has hired 10 new substitutes and reactivated 4 substitutes.

Additionally, there are 4 applicants in process and 15 brand new applicants in SchoolSpring awaiting processing. Correction noted that the last substitute pay raise was in March 2015, not 2008 as was mentioned at the last School Committee meeting and subsequently in the Canton Citizen.

Rodman Preschool Lottery: The preschool lottery is complete. Letters were mailed out earlier this week to all families who participated. The Rodman accepted thirty one new community peers and has twenty nine returning community peers for the 2019-2020 school year. Families who were not awarded a spot in our preschool are encouraged to put their name on the waitlist.

### Indicators of Excellence

GMS Math Counts: Saturday, February 2, students from the Galvin Middle School competed in Math Counts Metro South Chapter Competition. The following students were the winners in the school round Mathcounts competition held on November 27th at GMS.

1. Akshay Kumar	6. Pranav Addanki
2. Anika Valluri	7. Caden Mirliani
3. Liam Benson	8. Harrison Feldman
4. Caroline Ye	9. Julia Cummings
5. Derek Marr	10. Anthony Wang

The first four students competed as a team in the Chapter competition, while the rest competed as the individuals.

### CHS Community Problem Solving Project

CHS Sophomore, Mary Kelley completed an Individual Community Problem Solving Project this year called "Mission Connect". The project focused on improving social and recreational interactions between the patients at Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children and their peers outside of the hospital setting. Ms. Kelley invited PRHC students to attend the CHS Boys Varsity home basketball game on January 29.

Cantonstock: Congratulations to Ms. Catherine Eckersley and Cantonstock for receiving the Honorable Mention Award, in Fundraising & Scholarship, as part of the Advocacy in Action Awards sponsored by the national organization Music For All. Achievement in this category demonstrates the understanding that creative and active fundraising benefits both individual students and entire programs. The Cantonstock project is featured on the Music for All website: [advocay.musicforall.org](http://advocay.musicforall.org)

Robotics: The Canton High School Robotics teams, the Canton Robodogs (#6040) and the GearHounds (#11723) recently kicked off their competitive season competing at two Massachusetts State Qualifiers. Both Canton teams excelled at the judged portion of the events walking away with two of the five judges awards at each competition. Both teams

will be competing at the Vermont State Championship on Feb 23rd and the Mass State Championship on March 2nd.

Engineering - A design team made up of Honors Engineering students recently won the Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) for the State of Massachusetts. The team designed an Unmanned Aerial System otherwise known as a drone using CAD (Computer Aided Design) and created a business plan to implement the design. They will present their design and business plan at the national competition on April 13, 2019 in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Students on the team include seniors, Austin Cox (team leader), Christian Pushard, Devin Chen, and Ryan Carney; sophomore, Guy Blochstein; and freshman, Andres Castro and Dhanush Narayana.

Early Release Day - Professional Development: Students were dismissed early yesterday, February 6, so that staff could participate in professional development. Collectively, the afternoon provided educators with meaningful experiences and strategies that they are able to incorporate into their work with students. Early Childhood, GMS and CHS staff started their afternoon with a student panel of both middle school and high school students sharing their experiences in school regarding issues of equity. The educators from the elementary schools were again given choice on what workshop best suited their professional needs.

Special thanks to all the educators who served as facilitators yesterday, especially Debbie Rooney who organized all the offerings and sign-ups for the elementary school staff.

Important Dates and Events

Feb. 8-9	Luce School Play, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm, Public Welcome
Feb. 8	TEC Legislative Breakfast
Feb. 9	South Africa Trip departs
Feb. 12	Dean S. Luce Principal Finalist #2 Community Forum: 9:00 am – 9:45 am @ Rodman Building, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm @ Luce School
Feb. 18-22	Winter Recess
Feb. 26	All Hands Drumming, Rodman Early Childhood Center
Feb. 27	CFED Monthly Meeting, Black History Month, CHS Library, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Feb. 28	School Committee Meeting, CHS DLL, 7:00 pm

March 5-7	*Kindergarten Registration
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\* All three elementary schools will hold registration sessions on the three dates below. Families must register their child on one of these dates **at the school their child will be attending.**

Tuesday, March 5 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 6 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

E. New Business:

1. Project SNAP and Project SMILE Presentations: Project SNAP, Special Needs Assistance Program, is a group of GMS students working to assist special education students in Canton. In effort to increase awareness of this project, the group has participated in the Canton Health Fair, held a walkathon and a bikeathon. Project SNAP will work with the Director of Student Services to learn more about what special needs services and programs Canton offers. Project SMILE, Stress Management in Learning Environments, is a team of CHS students working to reduce stress and improve the mental health of students. Much like Project SNAP, the group has participated in the Canton Health Fair, held a walkathon and a bikeathon. Project SMILE has also organized mediation and relaxation activities at CHS.
2. Program of Studies: Mr. Derek Folan and Dr. Meredith Chamberland presented an overview of the 2019-2020 Canton High School Program of Studies. A complete copy of the Program of Studies can be found on the district webpage with all changes highlighted in green.  
**Move to approve the 2019-2020 Program of Studies:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Nichola Gallagher  
**Vote:** 5-0
3. CHS Out of State Travel Request: Mr. Derek Folan requested approval for Guidance Staff and students to attend a college visit to UNH on April 4, 2019.  
**Move to approve the Out of State Travel to UNH:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 5-0
4. Dean S. Luce Field Trip Request: Dean S. Luce First Grade Teachers requested approval to attend the VMA Arts & Cultural Center in Providence, RI on March 26, 2019.  
**Move to approve the Dean S. Luce Out of State Field Trip:**  
Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 5-0
5. Policies: Ms. Debra Bromfield presented the following policies for review and vote of approval.
  - a. EA
  - b. EB
  - c. EBAB

- d. EBC
- e. EBCE
- f. EC
- g. ECAC
- h. EDC
- i. EEA
- j. EEAE
- k. EEAEA
- l. EEAJ
- m. EFC

**Move to waive the second read on Policies: EA, EB, EBAB, EBCE, EC, ECAC, EDC, EEA, EEAE, EEAEA, EEAJ, EFC:**

Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Meg Gannon

**Vote:** 5-0

**Move to approve policies EA, EB, EBAB, EBCE, EC, ECAC, EDC, EEA, EEAE, EEAEA, EEAJ, EFC with changes:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Meg Gannon

**Vote:** 5-0

Policy **EBC** will be brought back for a second read at an upcoming committee meeting.

- 6. FY19 Quarterly Financial Report: Mr. Nectow presented the FY19 Q2 Financial Report. Overall, the district expenditures for FY19 are as projected. Mr. Nectow will continue to monitor special education line items and provide updates as needed. The full FY19 Q2 report may be found on the district website under the School Committee tab.
- 7. Disposal of Surplus Property: Mr. Barry Nectow requested approval for disposal of surplus audiology equipment.

**Move to approve disposal of surplus audiology equipment:**

Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Meg Gannon

**Vote:** 5-0

- F. Business Manager's Report: 1.) Mr. Nectow, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Reuki Schutt recently attended the Revenue Forecast Committee. The focus was on where funds will come from; the district will be presented with a target number to work with shortly. 2.) This month's Safety and Security meeting looked at student safety and security. Ms. Debra Bromfield shared protocols and will work on a plan for what to do for/with students in the buildings. 3.) The JFK modulars bids are due next week with site work expected to begin around April 1. The modulars will be delivered around the end of the school year and will be tied into the main building over the summer. Completion date is scheduled for September 1, 2019.

- G. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated January 17, 2019  
**Move:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 5-0
2. Approve Executive Minutes dated January 17, 2019  
**Move:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 5-0
3. Approve Bill schedule dated February 14 , 2019  
**Move:** Reuki Schutt  
**Second:** Meg Gannon  
**Vote:** 5-0

H. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher – nothing to report
2. BRC – Mike Loughran – nothing new to report
3. Wellness - Meg Gannon – nothing to report
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon – nothing to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher – Srimaya joined the last subcommittee meeting. A vote was taken at the meeting which allows the committee to continue to foster further relationships with students so ideas can be shared.

I. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, February 28, 2019 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab.

J. Other Business:

K. Adjournment: Time: 8:52 p.m.

**Move to adjourn Open Session:** Reuki Schutt

**Second:** Meg Gannon