

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2019  
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 6:45 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session or the purpose of discussing contractual matters made by Chair, Kristin Mirliani. Seconded by Nichola Gallagher. It was voted by roll call 4-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea

- B. Open Session: Chair Mirliani called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani, Chair  
Reuki Schutt, Vice Chair - Absent  
Nichola Gallagher, Secretary  
Kristian Merenda, Member  
Maureen Moran, Member

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent  
Barry Nectow, Business Manager  
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary  
Staff  
Press

- C. Public Comments/Questions: None

- D. Student Report: No student report. Members of the School Committee thanked student members, Srimayi Chaturvedula and Devin Foster for their participation this year and wished them well in their college careers. Due to illness, Max Macort was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Both Devin and Srimayi expressed their appreciation for this opportunity. Srimayi shared an essay she wrote on her community service experience both on this committee and on the Paul Revere Heritage Committee.

- E. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

**Superintendent Activities Highlights**

PreK-12 Annual Art Show: This preK-12 event showcases the work of students throughout our school district. This year was especially interesting with the inclusion of student writing in response to the question, "Why is art important to you?"

**Updates**

Director of Technology: Next Wednesday, May 29, we will welcome two finalists for the Director of Technology. The finalists are Thomas Reeve, a technology integration specialist from Holliston High School and Julie Shore, the assistant principal of CHS. During the finalists' day,

the candidates will visit several schools and district staff will have the opportunity to interact with and question the finalists. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller hopes to name the Director of Technology prior to the next School Committee meeting on June 13.

MCAS: Grades 3-8 have successfully completed their administration of the Spring 2019 MCAS in ELA, Math and Science. CHS has completed ELA and Math. There is one more round of testing at the HS for Science which will take place in June.

Planning Professional Development: Educators have been provided with a variety of options for workshops and courses for this spring and summer. Elementary educators and Unit E members have also been given an opportunity to choose a concentration for their professional development for the 2019-2020 school year. Special thanks to Deborah Rooney, preK-8 Director of Teaching and Learning for her work securing meaningful learning and providing choice to all participants.

STEAM Professional Learning Community (PLC): The STEAM PLC is in the planning stages for STEAM Week 2019 which will coincide with the MA STEM week on October 21-25, 2019. All schools will be supported to find innovative ways to participate. The Galvin Middle School will be benefiting from a free resource through *i2learning* which provides intensive week-long interdisciplinary PBL units of study developed by MIT for grades 6, 7 and 8.

### **Indicators of Excellence**

Safe Sports 1st Team Award: CHS was recently honored with the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) *Safe Sports School Award - 1st Team*. According to NATA, this award "recognizes schools who take crucial steps to protect their athletes from injury."

Thank you to CPS Athletic Trainer, Ms. Kristen Sasanoff, for her hard work and dedication supporting the well-being of our student athletes. Beyond the hard work of Sasonoff, CHS was honored for the quality of our Athletic Training room, our commitment to healthy concussion protocols, and exceptional communication with the Canton Bulldog community in the area of sport safety and healthy practices.

Canton High School Scholastic Honors Night: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller participated in Tuesday's Scholastic Honors Night at CHS. The night is full of awards and commendations for the excellence present at CHS, including the annual Ralph Clough Academic Awards, the Annual Book Awards and Principal Folan's announcement of this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Brandon Pho and Michael Mazzola, respectively.

### **Important Dates and Events**

May 20-23	PreK-12 Annual Art Show, CHS Gym, 6:00-8:00 pm
May 27	No School, Memorial Day
May 28	CHS Scholarship Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium
June 4	CHS Performing Arts Gala, CHS, 6:00 pm

June 6	Unity Day, GMS, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (rain date June 10)
June 6	GMS Cultural Heritage Night, GMS, 6:00-8:00 pm
June 7	CHS Graduation, 6:00 pm
June 10	Step Up Day, CHS, 8:00 am -11:00 am
June 12	Kindergarten Parent Information Night, <i>JFK @ 6:00 pm, Luce and Hansen @ 6:30 pm</i>
June 13	School Committee Meeting, DLL, 7:00 pm
June 14	Last Day of School for PreK
June 17	Last Day of School for Kindergarten
June 21	Last Day of School, Grades 1-11, Early Release

F. New Business:

1. Future Problem Solvers (FPS) Overnight Travel Request: Ms. Susan Crespi requested permission to attend the FPS International Conference at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on June 5-9, 2019 with 22 FPS members.

**Move to approve Overnight Travel for the Future Problem Solvers:**

Nichola Gallagher

**Second:** Kristian Merenda

**Vote:** 4-0

2. Ann McLean-Muse Award: Ms. Amy Muldoon and Mr. Jim Spillane requested permission to establish a new GMS Award in honor of Ms. Ann McLean-Muse, who is retiring this year. This award will be sponsored and funded by the Muse family. The student will be nominated by 7th and 8th grade teachers, with the support of administration staff. This award will be given to a graduating 8th grader who exemplifies Dr. Muse's qualities as a member of the GMS community.

**Move to approve the GMS Ann McLean-Muse Award:** Nichola Gallagher

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Vote:** 4-0

3. Luce Sign Request: Ms. Robie Peter requested permission to put up a sign on the Dean S. Luce upper playground in memory of Ms. Brooke Stephens.

**Move to approve the playground sign at Dean S. Luce:** Nichola Gallagher

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Vote:** 4-0

4. School Improvement Plans: All Principals shared their year-end School Improvement Plan (SIP) and their 2019-2020 SIP. Complete SIP's for each school can be found on the website under the School Committee tab/Meetings/Reports.

- a. Robie Peter for Dean S. Luce shared demographics and data on student learning outcomes including MCAS, reading gains in grades 1 & 2 and other learning outcomes in math, science, and social studies. Ms. Peter

also spoke about several student school experiences, including SHINE assemblies, reading challenges and more. Priorities for 2019-2020 will focus on increasing educators ability to learn from one another. Ms. Peter shared actions the Luce will take to meet this goal.

- b. Christine McMahan for John F. Kennedy shared demographics and data student learning outcomes. She reported a 93% reduction in the number of incidents in which students behavior required administrative staff intervention. Student school experiences highlighted were school-wide morning meetings, before and after school clubs, classroom environments with greater choice in where learning takes places and shared learning among grades. Next year, JFK will focus on promoting a more inclusive environment, continuing to support teacher in creating an maintaining safe, caring supportive classrooms and supporting teachers in implementing new and ways of teaching.
- c. David Brauninger for Lt. Peter M. Hansen shared demographics and data on student learning outcomes including MCAS data. Mr. Brauninger talked about the Student Support Center (SSC), reporting that to date, 95 students accessed the SSC to learn adaptive behaviors and how to interact positively with peer and adults in the school environment. Student school experience highlights shared were the Views of Climate and Learning Survey (VOCAL) results, the Great Kindness Challenge and the Kind, Brave and Thankful (KBT) Awards. Next years focus will be on providing high-quality professional development, grow relationships with community and families, and enrich the school's climate and culture.
- d. Donna Kilday for Rodman Early Childhood Center shared demographics and data on student learning outcomes including early literacy, social development, science curriculum and more. Ms. Kilday shared Student School Experiences highlighting Rodman Reads, Bus Buddies, family and staff surveys and Autism Support. Next year, the focus will be on building educational equity, increasing student achievement in early literacy and cultivating climate and culture in the school with a focus on inclusion respect and collaboration.

G. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow reported that they broke ground at JFK. He also reported that the online registration process is moving along well with twenty-one applications completed already in just two weeks. Mr. Nectow gave another reminder that bus applications will be accepted until June 7th with a late fee. After June 7th, seats on the bus will be offered after October 1st, as space permits. 70% of the ridership is GMS students. So far, applications for the bus are 57 % yes, 20% no, 23% not answered. Mr. Nectow encouraged all families to complete the bus application.

H. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated May 9, 2019. Nichola Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes. Maureen Moran seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

2. Approve Executive Minutes dated May 9, 2019. Nichola Gallagher motioned to approve and release the minutes. Moran seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated May 30, 2019. Nichola Gallagher motioned to approve the bill schedule. Maureen Moran seconded the motion. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays

I. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher informed the Committee that all Community Preservation Articles were voted in at Annual Town Meeting.
2. BRC – Kristian Merenda - Next meeting on May 29th.
3. Wellness – Maureen Moran - Nothing to report
2. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - Nothing to report
3. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – Working on policies in the School Committee section of the Policy Handbook.
4. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher – Ms. Gallagher shared that the designer will be announced at the next meeting.

- J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

- K. Other Business: Prior to sharing School Improvement Plans, members of the School Committee and Principals thanked Ms. Robie Peter for all she has done for the Canton Public Schools and wished her all the best as she retires.

- L. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 9:08 pm. Maureen Moran seconded. It was voted 4-0.

4 yeas 0 nays