

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of November 18, 2021
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

Members of the public were also able to view a live stream of the meeting via <http://cantoncommunitytv.org/>

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice Chair Gallagher.

- B. Open Session:

Present are:

Nichola Gallagher

Maureen Moran

Kendall O'Halloran

Also Present:

Derek Folan, Assistant Superintendent

Stephen Marshall, Director of Finance and Operations

Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary

Public

Staff

- C. Student Member Report: Ms. Hanna Wang spoke about Hansen Elementary. She met with 2 students, Mr. Brauning and Ms. Hoff. She spoke about STEAM Ally which has had a great impact on the school. Upcoming events include parent teacher conferences, with 5th graders being invited to their own conference, and Kindness week in January. Student feedback: looking forward to Flashback, field trip, PACE, Christmas Shop and Thanksgiving break.
- D. Teaching and Learning Report: Ms. Debbie Rooney shared information on the STAR Benchmark Assessments (K-5) and discussed the GMS and CHS benchmarks for ELA and Math. The full report can be found on the School Committee webpage: Meeting/Agendas/Minutes. This fall, students at GMS and CHS were assessed using benchmark assessments in core content areas. The District used Common Lit pre-assessment and post-assessments for ELA and the IXL diagnostic assessment for Math. Both assessments are nationally normed and we are able to analyze student performance in two ways; how students performed against peers nationally and how students performed against the standards expectations in Massachusetts. Ms. Kelsey Cummings talked about the IXL Diagnostic reports. She shared reports with parents during parent teacher conferences, feedback was positive. GMS student Mickaelle Pierre shared her student experience with IXL.
- E. Interim Superintendent's Report:
Interim Superintendent Highlights
State Championship Game: CHS Boys Soccer is advancing to the Division 2 State Finals. Ticket and live streaming information was shared.
Breast Cancer Walk: Congratulations and thank you to the over 150 students who participated in this year's Breast Cancer Walk. The team raised over \$10,000.
CPS Nursing Team, Board of Health and Canton Fire Department: CPS Nursing Team was publicly thanked for their work in administering over 2,500 Test and Stay and symptomatic testing, in the ever-challenging effort to keep students in school and to keep COVID out of schools. The Board of Health, CPS Nursing, and the Canton Fire Department hosted several 5-11 COVID Vaccine Clinics. By November 23, this team will have vaccinated 900 children.

Events/Acknowledgments This Month

Educational Support Professionals Day: Education Support Professionals (ESP) Day was yesterday, November 17. Please join me in celebrating and thanking these amazing school support staff who continue to go above and beyond for our school communities.

Thanksgiving: The annual Thanksgiving Day Football game is at 10:00 at Stoughton High School and the Powderpuff game will be on Wednesday, November 24 @ 1:00 at CHS.

Updates

Clue: Canton High School is putting on the production of Clue this weekend.

CHS Garden Club: The CHS garden club recently harvested the last crop of brussel sprouts and beets. Students will begin work over the winter to plan for another successful crop in 2022.

Champions of Excellence

Veterans Day Celebrations: All schools celebrated and honored our local veterans on November 10 in a variety of ways.

JFK Homecoming: The JFK Homecoming brought Kennedy families and staff back together on November 13. There were food trucks, a DJ, face paint, a bouncy obstacle course, carnival games, potato sack races, and lawn games.

Croc River Music: On November 4, Crocodile River Music did two days of workshops for French students at CHS and GMS.

TriM Induction: Congratulations to the 22 new members of the TriM music honors society. Members are chosen based on academic excellence, musicianship, and leadership. They serve society through community service and performing for the community.

Important Dates and Events

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| Week of Nov. 15 | Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Screenings at CHS, Opt-out option by Nov. 15 @ 8:00 am |
| Nov. 18-20 | CHS Fall Play <i>Clue</i> , CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm. |
| Nov. 19 | GMS School Committee Student Forum, GMS Library, 9:00 am |
| Nov. 21 | CHS Fall Play <i>Clue</i> , CHS Auditorium, 2:00 pm. |
| Nov. 22 | CHS Parent Conferences, 3:00 - 8:00 pm |
| Nov. 23 | Joint School Committee meeting with Select Board, Town Hall, Salah Meeting Room, 5:30 pm. |
| Nov. 24 | Early Release, PreK-12 |
| Nov. 24 | CHS Powderpuff, CHS turf, 1:00 pm |
| Nov. 25 | CHS Thanksgiving Game, Stoughton High School, 10:00 am |
| Nov. 25-26 | No School, Thanksgiving Break |

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| Dec. 2 | School Committee Meeting, CHS DLL, 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 10 | Early Release, PreK-12, Professional Development |
| Dec. 15 | GMS Winter Concert, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 17 | CHS/GMS Jazz Concert, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 21 | CHS Winter Concert, CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm |

F. Unfinished Business Items:

1. Update on School Committee Vacancy: Vice Chair Nichola Gallagher shared that the Committee held a joint meeting with the Select Board on 11/9 to interview 2 candidates, Laura Arboleda and David Wachtendonk. The Committee will hold another joint meeting on 11/23 to appoint the new member.
2. COVID-19 Update on Vaccination Rates: Mr. Folan shared an update on the COVID-19 vaccination rates in school buildings. Mr. Folan explained that COVID cases are rising in schools, he asked families for vigilance and reiterated that if feeling sick to please stay home.

G. New Business:

1. FY22 Capital Project Update: Mr. Stephen Marshall and Mr. Brian Lynch, Facilities Director, provided an update on the FY22 Facilities Capital projects. Projects included the GMS Library, Hansen floor tile abatement work, Luce floor projects in two classrooms, and the JFK front foyer updates. Mr. Lynch shared upcoming projects that include HVAC units, ventilators, new Luce playground, lighting upgrades, bleacher and press box at Memorial field, fitness center upgrades and innovation lab renovations.
2. District Goal Update: Mr. Folan discussed communication updates and the initiative to increase varying forms of communication and information to families. As part of his Entry Plan, Mr. Folan shared upcoming community forums dates: 11/29 Secondary level forum, 12/6 for the Elementary level and 12/9 for the Prek level. He discussed the recent CHS School Committee/student forums. GMS School Committee student forum is on 11/19. The recent purchases of univents are equipped with the option of AC. This is a 3-5 year phased planning process. The electrical load will be reviewed and considered. Funding is still being secured. Ms. Julie Shore provided an asset management update. The District is onboarding Incident IQ. The onboarding process will likely take one year. There is a strong help desk with this program.

H. Public Comment: None

- I. Director of Finance and Operations Report: Mr. Marshall reported on transportation, revolving accounts and enrollment. Transportation is facing challenges with regard to special ed van transportation due to driver shortages and other company problems. Changes to routes and adding students could take up to 2 weeks. Additional support is being explored. Revolving accounts bring revenue into the District (ie. athletic fees, gate fees). A more in depth report will be provided at the next meeting. The enrollment report shows current enrollment, including those in the pipeline, is 3172. Projected enrollment for 2022/2023 is 3146. Out of District numbers and PreK numbers will be shared at a later date.

J. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda outlined below: Maureen Moran

Seconded: Kendall O'Halloran

The Consent Agenda passed unanimously: 3-0

