

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of December 19, 2019
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Kristin Mirliani. Executive Session was canceled this evening.

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Reuki Schutt
Nichola Gallagher
Maureen Moran
Kristian Merenda

Also Present:

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

- B. Public Comments/Questions: None
- C. Student Member Report: Fatimah Alyaqoub visited the Rodman Preschool today. She visited the motor room and spoke with the OT and PT who explained how they help all children access an obstacle course. She reported that the Preschool is working on the five senses this month and reading books from the author Jackson Pollok. Fatimah also shared that she enjoys her visits to the Preschool with the CSED group throughout the school year.
- D. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reported on the following events:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

JFK Pawsembly: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller attended the second Pawsembly at JFK. This new JFK tradition is organized by the JFK Culture and Climate Committee. The event highlights student growth in particular social-emotional areas, this Pawsembly focused on self-management.

MTA Conference: The MTA's Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee's (EMAC) 40th Annual Conference took place on December 6 at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood.

GMS Bulldog Award Breakfast: The first recipients of the Galvin Middle School ***Bulldog Awards*** were selected for the month of December. Thirty-two students in all, one from each team in each grade, were honored for modeling one or more of GMS's core values.

Updates

Rodman Early Childhood Open House For Community Peers, 2020-2021 School Year:

Families are welcome to visit on January 16 at 9:30 am or 6-7 pm and January 22 at 9:30 am.

Lottery applications for community peer slots are due by January 31, 2020. The lottery will be held the week of February 3, 2020.

Snow Day/Calendar Adjustment: CPS had a snow day on December 3. With this change to the calendar, the last day of school is **currently** June 23.

Indicators of Excellence

Advancements in Technology: Highlights of our current work being done in the district. The launch into the district-wide Student Data Privacy work is kicking off in each building starting in January.

- The 1:1 Chromebook initiative rollout planning stage is in full effect.
- The team is hard at work in evaluating our current systems and operational products.
- The school-based technology teachers have begun implementing the DESE Digital Learning and Computer Science standards in their classrooms.
- The teacher device rollout is complete in the entire high school and a large portion of the middle school.

Additionally, congratulations to Ms. Julie Shore, Director of Technology and Digital Learning, on completing the Massachusetts Educational Technology Administrators Association Chief Technology Officer (METAA CTO) course through Framingham State University.

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): The SBIRT team members Christine Trendell, Maureen Campbell, Drew Carty, Chris Buss, Stephanie Shapiro, Katie Leazott, Norma Hollenbach, Heather Keddy, Paul Fitzgerald, completed screenings with the ninth grade this week.

German American Partnership Program (GAPP): Canton High School has been awarded the prestigious **GAPP School of Distinction by the Goethe Institute**.

SEMMA Junior Festival: The South Eastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association (SEMMA) Junior Districts Festival on March 13 & 14, 2020. Congratulations to all students who qualified.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Award: CHS Senior, Brii Connor was chosen as this year's DAR Good Citizenship Award.

Important Dates and Events

Dec. 19	CHS Winter Concert, 7:00, CHS Auditorium
Dec. 20	Early Release, Winter Break
Dec.23- Jan.1	Winter Break
Jan. 8	Early Release, PreK-12 ~ PreK-5 Common Planning, 6-12 PD
Jan. 9	School Committee, 7:00 pm, CHS DLL

E. New Business:

1. JSA Winter Congress Travel Request: CHS students, Jack Hernon and Lauren Hernon, requested a vote of approval for JSA to travel to Arlington, VA for the Winter Congress from February 6-9, 2020. Students provided further information about the trips itinerary.
Move to approve JSA Travel for the Winter Congress in Arlington, VA on February 6-9, 2020: Reuki Schutt
Second: Kristian Merenda
Vote: 5-0
2. German Exchange Travel Request: Mr. Derek Folan requested a vote of approval for the German Exchange students to travel out of the country on April 10-29, 2020. Mr. Folan said he would check into the final price of the trip.
Move to German Exchange Travel on April 10-29, 2020: Reuki Schutt
Second: Maureen Moran
Vote: 5-0
3. District Staffing: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller presented an update on district staffing positions. She reported that the job description for the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning is available. She spoke to some of the qualifications and encouraged people to apply. Parents will serve on the forum. There was a discussion about whether a School Committee member should be on the hiring committee. There will be further discussions as to what capacity a member of the School Committee will serve. Secondly, Superintendent Fischer-Mueller spoke about the Student Services Out of District Coordinator (OOD) position. As the position has not been filled to date, the district has decided to move in a different direction. The Assistant Director of Student Services will be a new position. The primary job function of the Assistant Director of Student Services position will be to manage out of district placements in addition to assisting with other functions of the increasing capacity of the Student Services offices. Ms. Bromfield will run this search with Ms. Cavanaugh from CHS. Lastly, Ms. Bromfield announced that she will be retiring from her position effective October 2020.
4. Disposal of Surplus Vehicle: Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote of approval to dispose of a surplus vehicle. The 1999 Ford F350 pick up truck will be sold for \$1,150.
Move to approve the disposal of a surplus vehicle: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

F. Unfinished Business:

1. FY21 Superintendent Budget Proposal: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow requested a vote of approval for the FY21 Budget.
Move to approve the FY21 Budget in the amount of \$46,913,135: Reuki Schutt
Second: Nichola Gallagher
Vote: 5-0

G. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow informed members that CPS was not invited into the MSBA core program this year. 61 school districts applied and 12 were invited in. Discussion about how much longer the district continues to apply before we ask the Town for funds. CPS will resubmit next year. Tuesday's weather proved to be difficult. There was a regular start to the day, but as the weather changed in the afternoon, all afternoon and evening activities were canceled. The administration will try to make those calls earlier. Weather calls always difficult.

H. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated December 5, 2019

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Maureen Moran

Abstain: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 4-0-1

Mr. Nectow reported that the warrant dated December 27, 2019, will be reviewed and signed by Maureen Moran this evening.

I. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - all project requests are in. The next meeting is the first week of January, will have a status update then.
2. BRC - Kristian Merenda - nothing new to report
3. Wellness- Maureen Moran - nothing new to report
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - nothing new to report
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report
7. Ad Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran reported that she had a very good response by parents who wanted to be on this subcommittee. As a result, a drawing was held this evening to select one parent per school. The following names were drawn and these parents will represent the schools.

GMS: Rebecca Baizen

Hansen: Jen Rudnick

Luce: Julie Goodrich

JFK: Joe Knasin

Rodman: Daisy Salamanca

CHS: Val Metsika

Ms. Moran will be planning a meeting in January. Parents, faculty, and student advisors will be represented on the subcommittee.

J. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab at CHS.

K. Other Business: No report

L. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 8:04 pm. Nichola Gallagher seconded. It was voted 5-0.