

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of February 27, 2020
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 6:17 pm. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters made by Kristin Mirliani. Seconded by Nichola Gallagher. It was voted by roll call 5-0.

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

- B. Open Session: Chair Mirliani called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Present are:

Kristin Mirliani
Nichola Gallagher
Reuki Schutt
Maureen Moran
Kristian Merenda

Also Present:

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

- C. Public Comments/Questions: None

- D. Student Member Report: Fatimah Alyaqoub spoke about her visit to the Dean S. Luce School. Principal Lamour spoke with Fatimah enthusiastically about the new literacy initiatives. She reported that these new initiatives provide more student choice and has increased student engagement. Fatimah and Principal Lamour also spoke about the recent Luce Play, Madagascar Jr. and Ms. Cruise's time capsule project where her students from ten years ago, return to the Luce and open their time capsule they did while a student in her second-grade class.

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

The Department of Public Health Nurse, Ms. Cindy Bonner, joined and gave updated information about Coronavirus. She offered guidelines and resources.

Superintendent Highlights

Department of Public Health (DPH) Coronavirus Update: As more information became available to the District, it became apparent that it was important to begin to disseminate our own communication out from the District regarding Coronavirus.

From the start, we have had ongoing communication and collaboration with the Canton Town DPH. In addition, School administrators received direction from the state-level DPH agency on Monday, February 24 with a *School Guidance Memo* explaining symptom identification, cleaning protocols, and student care. Most of the directions were already in our practice. This information was disseminated to the Nursing Team the same day. In addition, the Nurse Leader spoke with all of the Health Offices to confirm understanding. The Memo also asked that schools continue with regular disinfecting and cleaning processes. In addition to our excellent cleaning practice, we have added a misting disinfectant sprayed on frequently touched areas- doorknobs and hand railings.

Yesterday, the District sent out a *BlackBoard* communication with information and website links.

The District will be communicating with the school community as well as DPH regarding any confirmed cases. We will continue to remain in close contact with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), DPH and our local Department of Public Health.

Rodman Building Artists Reception: Tuesday, February 25, Ms. Patricia Palmer held an Artists Reception at the Rodman Administration Building. Students whose artwork is displayed in the Rodman offices and conference rooms were invited to attend with their families.

Luce School Play: A huge thank you to Cheryl Myles and her team involved in making the Luce production of *Madagascar Jr.* such a huge success!

The students portrayed their characters in such an animated and funny way, it looked like they were having such a blast.

Updates

2019 School and District Report Cards: Tomorrow, families will receive an email from building Principals with information regarding the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) 2019 School and District Report Cards. The School Report Card shows how a school is performing in multiple areas such as attendance, MCAS, enrollment, and discipline.

CHS Athletics Updates:

- Jonathan Chery posted a school record 6.50 in the 55 yard dash to earn the Division 4 state title. He finished 5th at All-States and he's heading to New England.
- Wrestler Natalie Keppler was crowned the New England Champion at 138 pounds. She will compete at a Massachusetts Tournament this weekend.
- Eddie Marinilli earned his second state championship in the 152-pound weight class. He will compete at All-States this weekend.

In track, the following students earned Hockomock Championships. Jonathan Chery (55), Bronwyn Mahoney (shot put), and the Boys 4x200 relay of Junior Sainvil, Cam Sanchez, Zach Goldstein, Jonathan Chery.

The following teams have already won the Hockomock League Davenport Championship:

girls swimming, girls hockey and boys hockey. The girls hockey, boys hockey, and girls basketball teams have all qualified for the State Tournament.

JUUL Attorney General Legal Language: The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent's (M.A.S.S.) website contains information about the Massachusetts Attorney General's filing of charges on JUUL. The lawsuit focused on JUUL targeting underage young people, while the manufacturers and public relations department claim it was aimed to assist adults to reduce smoking.

Indicators of Excellence

DESE Early Learning Initiative: DESE is launching a new early literacy initiative in partnership with numerous organizations, including M.A.S.S. (Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents). Deborah Rooney, our Director of Teaching and Learning is one of seven district leaders chosen to represent M.A.S.S. in this work. They will be asked to review materials related to the initiative, periodically from February to May, and provide feedback to DESE; ensure that DESE resources and programs represent and meet the needs of M.A.S.S. members, and report to M.A.S.S. executive leadership on the progress of the partnership.

Important Dates and Events

Feb. 28-29	GMS School Play, <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> , CHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
March 2-6	World Language Week, events occurring during school hours throughout the week at CHS and GMS
March 3-5	Kindergarten Registration, all Elementary Schools, see attached for detailed information
*March 5	School Committee, CHS DLL, 7:00 pm
March 27	CAPE Spelling Bee, CHS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
April 14	Norfolk Probate and Family Court Art Show Reception, 35 Shawmut Avenue, Canton, 4:30-6:00 pm

*Note change of date: originally scheduled for March 12, 2020

F. New Business:

1. Scholastic Arts and Writing Award Winners: Ms. Patricia Palmer presented the work of the 2019-2020 Award Winners. Each student spoke about their award-winning piece and shared their inspirations. The Art winners are Brandon Allen, Faith Nelson, Dusu Sidibay, and Brii Connor. The writing award winners are Alexis Newton and Lydia Prendergast.
2. Travel Requests: Mr. Derek Folan requested permission and a vote of approval for the following travel events:
 - a. Out of Country Travel Request for School The World's Global

Citizenship Program: Students travel to Quiche, Guatemala from July 22-30, 2020. CHS student Rachel Kupferman shared details of this trip. She is still working on getting a chaperone(s) for this trip and is working on getting a group of students to participate.

Provisionally move to approve Out of Country Travel for the School the World's Global Citizenship Program: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Vote: 5-0

- b. Overnight Travel Request: Request to attend All-State Festival at the Seaport Hotel in Boston from March 5-7, 2020. Ms. Eckersly and student David Walker spoke about the upcoming event. David talked about his participation in the many Performing Arts shows and events during his tenure as a CPS student. David thanked MusicCounts for sponsoring this trip for him.

Move to approve Overnight Travel for the All-State Festival:

Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

- c. Out of State Travel Request: Request to travel to the University of Connecticut on March 7, 2020, to attend the performance of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. A former alumnus, Lizzy Shaul initiated contact with Mr. Amico. 8-9 students will attend with 1-2 chaperones. The group will use the Bulldog van as the mode of transportation.

Move to approve Out of State Travel Request to UConn for performance, using the Bulldog van:

Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

3. Scholarship Approval: Mr. Derek Folan presented two new scholarships for review and a possible vote of approval.

- a. First Parish Unitarian Scholarship Performing Arts Scholarship

Move to approve the First Parish Unitarian Scholarship:

Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Vote: 5-0

- b. Milton Players Performing Arts Scholarship

Move to approve the Milton Players Performing Arts Scholarship in the amount of \$250:

Reuki Schutt

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Vote: 5-0

4. Recommendation of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller enthusiastically shared information about Mr. Derek Folan's background and education and requested a vote of approval for his appointment as the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Move to approve the appointment of Mr. Derek Folan to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning:

Nichola Gallagher

Second: Reuki Schutt

Vote: 5-0

5. FY20 Second Quarter Report: Ms. Barry Nectow presented the FY20 second-quarter

report. The complete report can be found on the website under the School Committee tab/Meetings, Agendas and Minutes/Reports. Salaries make up 81% of the operating budget. Salaries combined with out of district tuitions, transportation, and utilities makeup 96.8% of the operating budget. Mr. Nectow reported that the second quarter donations totaled \$56,235. Mr. Nectow summarized that we are in ok shape and fortunate that the Town has funded our Special Education Reserves.

G. Unfinished Business:

1. FY21 Budget: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow provided an overview of the Superintendent's budget request based on the 5.23% budget increase as proposed by the Town. Principal Shannon spoke about the need for 2 FTE teachers at GMS due to the increase in the number of student enrollment. Principal Shannon stressed the need to maintain reasonable class sizes in order to have meaningful learning experiences. Ms. Schutt and Ms. Moran proposed that some money be funded for the elementary classroom supplies and materials line item and for the PreK Performing Arts instructional supplies line item. Other members were pleased to see the Data Specialist is still funded along with GMS Athletics. The budget will be revisited at the next School Committee meeting.

H. Business Manager's Report: None

I. Routine Matters:

Approve Minutes dated February 6, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Vote: 5-0

Mr. Nectow reported that the warrant dated March 6, 2020, will be reviewed and signed by Maureen Moran this evening.

J. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report.
2. BRC - Kristian Merenda - nothing new to report.
3. Wellness- Maureen Moran - Ms. Moran informed the Committee that the sub-committee met yesterday. She also talked about the CAASA grant writing meeting that took place today. This community grant is funded over a ten year period and would fund a Coordinator position to oversee all events and initiatives.
4. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Maureen Moran - nothing additional to report.
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report.
7. Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran informed the Committee that she has collected all information from sub-committee members. After reviewing, the next phase is to conduct surveys and community forums.

K. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 7:00 in the Distance Learning Lab at CHS.

5 yeas 0 nays