

Town of Canton  
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of August 13, 2020  
Remote Meeting due to COVID-19 School Closure  
Zoom Webinar

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Mirliani via a roll call vote. Chair Mirliani noted that the Committee just held an Executive Session where the roll call vote of 4-0 opened the meeting.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea
Charles Rae	Absent

Also Remotely Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent  
Derek Folan, Assistant Superintendent  
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator  
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary  
Debbie Rooney, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Dianna Mullen, new Director of Student Services  
Julie Shore, Director of Technology and Digital Learning

- B. Public Comment:

Maryann Sapanara-parent	Spoke about HVAC systems, specifically MERV-13 filtration systems. She is a parent and an Environmental Engineer. She presented a slide deck. She shared the reasons why she did not think MERV-13 filters are helpful. Suggested rearranging rooms and not putting teachers and students under vents, increase fresh air intake by opening windows.
Ellen Donovan-parent	Spoke in support of the Hybrid Model.
Anna Sanina-parent	Question for teachers: how did they prepare to teach remotely
Moneesha Narula-Isaac-parent	Asked about mask breaks. Would like to discuss.
Deepak Kumar	School reopening contingency plan. The proper use and wear of masks.
Tom Apprille-parent	If remote learning how will the school system supply in person learning for special needs children on IEP's.
Timothy McCarthy-parent	Teacher concerns with school buildings and remote learning 2.0 specifics
Liz Rogers-parent	Question about the window into the classroom for younger children and screen time. How will the district change direction as circumstances change.
Lauren	Presented questions from CTA members supporting remote learning.

Mahan-teacher	
Anne Cohen-teacher	Questions about safety measures and logistics.
Jayne Moore-teacher	Student safety in our school buildings this fall with regard to COVID 19
Rachel MacPhail Klidas-parent	Parent input school reopening. In favor of in-person learning. Health Care provider. With the proper equipment and PPE staff can have a safe environment to work.
Laura Walsh-student	School reopening from a HS students' perspective. Remote learning in Spring was less than ideal. Wants to be back in school.
Michelle Fitzgerald-parent	Spoke in support of remote learning.
Rebecca Ashley-teacher	Shared her experience working in the Bridge Program this summer.
Sheila White-parent	Multiple questions regarding the schools' plans before parents make a decision. Asked for more information to make a better informed decision.

C. Unfinished Business:

1. School Reopening Update: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller, Assistant Superintendent Folan, Mr. Nectow, Ms. Shore, Ms. Rooney, and Ms. Mullen answered questions and discussed information presented at previous meetings. This meeting afforded Administration the time to publicly respond to many questions posed to the Committee and Superintendent via emails and from family surveys. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reminded the public that the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to DESE on August 10 with the recommendation of opening school with the Hybrid Learning, 50/50, AA/BB. A brief review of the continuum models and remote learning pathway option was shared. The full Comprehensive Plan is on the district website. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller shared the metrics dashboard and explained how this information will guide the district in the decisions to move between models on the continuum. This metrics tool the DESE Commissioner shared describes how the state data can inform school and district's learning models. The full metrics model and the map of the average daily case rate for COVID-19 in MA by City/Town can be found on the School Committee webpage under Live Recordings for tonight's meeting. A 14 day rolling average of Canton COVID-19 cases was shared with information received from the Canton BOH. An FAQ will be developed and posted on the website. The questions answered and discussed at this meeting pertained to the following topics.
  - How the Hybrid plan and other plans will be implemented. Where to find the most up to date information.
  - Instruction: What a typical day would look like in each model. What will the first day of school look like.
  - Grade level considerations: AP, labs, PACE, PE
  - Concerns: Suggestions for at home technology, consideration of K-2 being in person.
  - Transmission reduction: Plans for if someone contracts the virus

A. Bathrooms

The presentation was paused at this point. The remaining topics will be discussed at

the next meeting on August 20. The full presentation of tonight's meeting is on the School Committee webpage under Meetings/Agendas/Minutes.

D. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Executive Minutes dated August 6, 2020

**Move:** Nichola Gallagher

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Roll Call Vote:** 4-0

2. Approve Minutes dated August 6, 2020

**Move:** Nichola Gallagher

**Second:** Maureen Moran

**Roll Call Vote:** 4-0

E. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Kristin Mirliani - nothing new to report.
2. BRC - Chuck Rae - nothing new to report
3. Wellness- Chuck Rae - nothing new to report.
4. Finance - Maureen Moran/Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report.
5. Policy - Kristian Merenda – nothing new to report.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - The non-profit received legislative approval.

- F. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

- G. Other Business: None

- H. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 10:02 pm. Maureen Moran seconded. It was voted by a roll call vote 4-0.

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

4 yeas                      0                      nays