

**Canton School Committee
Canton, MA**

April 11, 2019	Canton High School Distance Learning Lab 900 Washington Street Canton, MA 02021	6:30 Executive Session 7:00 PM Open Session
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The Canton Public Schools strives to develop students who are competent and creative thinkers, curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

A. Call to Order

B. Executive Session The School Committee will be in Executive Session to discuss issues related to contractual matters.

C. Reorganization The first order of business is School Committee Reorganization for the coming year. The Superintendent will convene the open session and introduce new members Kristian Merenda and Maureen Moran. Nominations will immediately be accepted for the position of School Committee Chair. Upon election by majority vote, the Chair will then conduct the meeting. The Positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary are filled at this first meeting as well. Sub-Committee assignments should be made at this time.

D. Public Comments/Questions Ms. Yan Yui, CTA President, will speak about the Promise Act and the Fund Our Future Campaign.

E. Student Member Report Student member, Devin Foster, will provide the student member report.

F. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Fischer-Mueller will provide an update on a variety of matters going on throughout the district.

G. New Business

1. CHS South Africa Trip: Ms. Rebecca Stang, Mr. Joel Chamberlain and students will share highlights of the South Africa Expedition.
2. Welcome Yeshi Gaskin Lamour: Superintendent Fischer Mueller will introduce the new Dean S. Luce Principal.
3. Request for Approval for Dean S. Luce Fun Run: Luce Fun Run Committee Member, Ms. Jennifer Trabucco requested approval, in writing, for the annual Fun Run to be held at the Luce School on May 19th from 10-1.

H. Old Business

1. FY20 Operating Budget: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Barry Nectow will update the FY20 Operating Budget.

I. Business Manager's Report Mr. Barry Nectow will present the Business Manager's Report.

J. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated March 28, 2019
2. Approve Executive Minutes dated March 28, 2019

3. Approve Bill Schedule dated April 18, 2019

K. Sub-Committee Reports

4. CCPC – Nichola Gallagher
5. BRC –
6. Wellness -
7. Finance - Reuki Schutt
8. Policy - Kristin Mirliani
9. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher

L. Other Business Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

M. Future Business Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, April 25, 2019
@ 7:00 PM.

N. Adjournment

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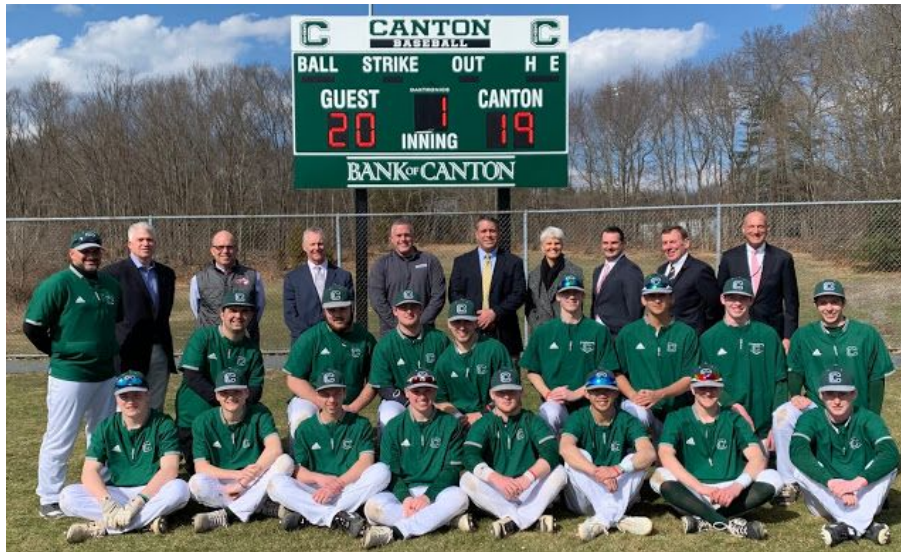
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Superintendent's Report School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 11, 2019

Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Activities Highlights

Dedication of Baseball Scoreboard: It was my pleasure to participate in the dedication of our new Gibson Field Scoreboard. We are very appreciative of the ongoing support from the Bank of Canton and Canton Little League of the CHS Boys Baseball Team.



CHS Lip Dub: The 2019 Canton High Lip Dub has been released. Special thanks to Ed McDonough, Laura Noone, Greg Sheehan, Jackie Morrissey and others for their hard work in coordinating and managing this project that includes all students and staff of CHS. Please visit this link to view the Lip Dub.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kYw1GEb4e3wFWApwccujjSjJpwAR1Vke/view?usp=drivesdk>
or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tATiNOZCDHM&feature=youtu.be>

CAASA Sponsored Parent Forum: As a follow up to the presentation of *Screenagers* and a panel discussion, CAASA sponsored the next parent forum to continue the discussion of the challenges of technology. On April 9, CAASA in collaboration with the Canton Public Schools, held an evening presentation for families and students entitled *Tech Talk: Promoting Healthy Families and Kids in a Digital World*. The presenter Dr. Sandra Dejong spoke eloquently about the impact of digital use on students, parents, and families. We wish to thank the CAASA foundation for all of their support of this presentation and to our Canton families for partnering with us.

Autism Awareness Month: April is Autism Awareness Month. A shout out to our GMS staff for showing their support for those with Autism.



Updates

German Exchange Trip: The German Students departed on Thursday, April 4. We look forward to hearing about their adventures upon their return on April 19.



CAPT and CAPE Presidents: On April 3, Assistant Superintendent Kinsella met with the CAPT presidents and the president of CAPE for our monthly meeting. Topics this month included a review of the new Canton Public Schools brochure, the 2019-2020 school calendar, communication strategies from schools to families and updates from each school. The success of these organizations is the result of highly committed parent volunteers who care deeply about the ongoing excellence of the Canton schools. We are very grateful for these partnerships.

CAPE Grants: CAPE grants provide funding for the development of innovative and enriching educational projects within the existing goals and curriculum of CPS. Below is a list of the 2018-2019 CAPE Grant Awards:

Home Base Improvement Plan, Canton High School, Lead Applicant: Sharon Bolduc
Brain Break Boxes, Luce Elementary School, Lead Applicant: Dory Fish
Sensory Pathway, JFK Elementary School, Lead Applicant: Gina Todesca
GMS Sensory Stations, Galvin Middle School, Lead Applicant: Amy Muldoon
GMS Beautification Project, Galvin Middle School, Lead Applicant: Julie Ghostlaw
Dog Strong, Healthy Hearts and Bodies, Canton High School, Lead Applicant: Adam Hughes
Electricity and Magnetism Hands-On Investigation Kits, Galvin Middle School, Lead Applicants: Andrea Stuart, Lisa Winchell, Matt Masciarelli
Spanish Dancer, Galvin Middle School, Lead Applicant: Laurie Moore
MFA Visit, Canton High School, Lead Applicant: Theresa Hadley
Observational Drawing Instructional Props, K-12 Art Classes, Lead Applicant: Patricia Palmer.

Safety and Security Committee: On April 4, Mr. Nectow facilitated the monthly meeting of the Safety and Security Committee. Our Director of Student Services, Debra Bromfield, led us in a discussion of an article by Nancy Rappaport, *Irresponsible Behavior Or Legitimate Threat? It's Important To Know The Difference*. The concluding paragraph of the article is especially important as we continue to focus on issues of safety and security.

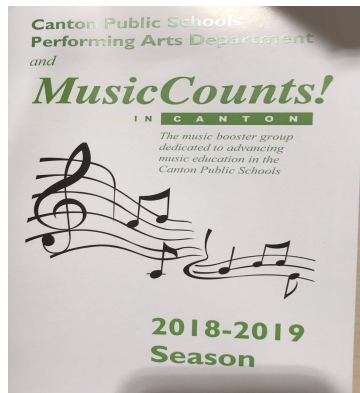
Building a climate where information is readily shared and appropriately acted on is essential Once a student is identified as needing help, the next crucial step should be to engage both the student and the family and offer a route to mental health treatment (N. Rappaport, March 2019).

Indicators of Excellence

Professional Development: We are in the process of developing a long-term PD plan for 2019-24 for grades PreK-5. Over the past week, Mrs. Rooney and Ms. Kinsella have solicited educator feedback on the first draft of that plan during open forums at each of the elementary schools. Principals had previously given their feedback. The 2019-20 school year is scheduled for professional development that will prepare educators for a longer-term literacy plan that will span the following four years. Response from both Principals and educators has been quite positive, and we look forward to sharing a final version of the plan in the coming month.

Director of Technology: Last fall, our Instructional Technology Administrator, April Goran, resigned from the Canton Public Schools and relocated to Florida with her family. Ms. Goran's departure prompted a restructuring of this position to create a Director of Technology. Our interview process in the fall did not render a final candidate; therefore, we decided to not fill this position for the school year 2018-2019. We are now restarting the search process and hope to identify a successful candidate this spring for a July 1 start. Ms. Kinsella is facilitating this search and I am optimistic that we will secure an outstanding educator to fill this critically important position.

CHS Jazz Band: Thank you and congratulations to the CHS Jazz Band for a great concert on April 9th.



Important Dates and Events

April 14-16	GMS Montreal Trip
April 15-19	Spring Recess
**May 21	CHS Scholastic Honors Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium
**May 28	CHS Scholarship Night, 7:00 pm, CHS Auditorium
**June 7	CHS Graduation, 6:00 pm

****NEED SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION**

South Africa Expedition - CHS, 2019

Highlights



Experiencing a unique natural habitat



A multitude of wildlife and plant life



Camera trapping experiments





Reserve Clean-Up

Rhino behavioral observations



Rhino darting and veterinary care





**Walking
transects,
searching
for signs
of rhino
activity**

Rhino dung sampling for chemical analysis





Learning first-hand the complexities and challenges of conservation

Cultural exchange and school supply donations for students of J.M. Ntsime High School of Mogwase



Students who attended the South Africa Trip:

Botelho, Isabella
Cahill, Caitlyn
Connor, Bryana
Cummings, Christopher
Hernon, Jack
Kleinbauer, Kayla
Knight, Brooklyn
Mazzola, Jennifer
Mirliani, Colton
Mondillo, Michael
O'Leary, Patrick
Rousseau, Madison
Santos, Jackson