

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of May 28, 2020
Remote Meeting due to COVID-19 School Closure
Google Meet Streaming

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Kristin Mirliani by roll call vote.

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

Also Remotely Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Julie Shore, Director of Technology and Digital Learning
Debbie Rooney, Director of Teaching and Learning
Debra Bromfield, Director of Student Services
Derek Folan, CHS Principal
Donna Kilday, PreK-2 Early Childhood Coordinator
Yeshi Lamour, Dean S. Luce Principal
David Brauninger, Hansen Principal
Christine McMahon, JFK Principal
David Turcotte, new CHS Principal

- B. Public Comments/Questions:

1. I know there has been discussion amongst 8th grade parents about the ability to allow the current 8th grade students to go into GMS and clear out their lockers as well as have one last walk through as a way of providing them closure.....Much like the CHS Seniors were allowed. It seems very possible that this can be done in an organized well thought out manner. Given that the last day of school is not until June 23rd...there is still plenty of time to organize and plan.

Also, I read in the Boston Globe this past weekend that there are greater than 10,000 students in the BPS that have not logged into online learning since the beginning of the stay at home order. What are the numbers looking like in Canton?

Thank you for your time,
Ellen Donovan

2. It has been a traumatic experience for our kids to be abruptly removed from their school life. Especially those 8th graders making such a big transition to CHS. To ease this trauma and provide some sort of comfort and closure for our kids I would like to ask if it is possible to allow 8th graders back in the school to clean out their lockers and have a final walkthrough. All of this can be done orderly, with masks on, maintaining social distance and in small groups. Please consider this request.

Thank you
Rachel MacPhail Klidas

In response to both public comments, Chair Mirliani explained that we continue to work in accordance with the Governor's orders with regard to social distancing and school closures. As restrictions are lifted, we may be able to entertain other options. As of now, no students are allowed in schools. Mr. Folan confirmed that during the Senior drop off/pick up this week, no students went through the school buildings.

C. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Activities Highlights

Celebrations of Transitions: Principals, CAPTs, and 5th-grade teachers are planning end-of-the-year celebrations that preserve those traditions in some form while also following the Governor's orders and the Town's guidance on social distancing and other preventative measures. District administrators will work with Principals in support of meeting necessary guidelines.

GMS is also planning to honor 8th graders with virtual events hoping to create the joy of their prior celebrations as best as possible during this difficult time.

We are unsure at this time if the end of year celebration could also be timed with students picking up their items, but we're working on it.

Visual Art Department's New Virtual Art Gallery: Visual Arts Coordinator, Ms. Patricia Palmer created this virtual space in an effort to share and celebrate CPS students' talents across the district.

Elementary Schools Virtual Field Day: Thank you to our Elementary Wellness Team, Ms. Zwicker, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Sasin for coordinating the first CPS Virtual Field Day.

Updates

CHS Graduation: Mr. Folan announced on May 7 the details of the CHS graduation to be held on June 6. On May 21, the Commissioner published guidelines for high school graduations which were published by DPH on May 19. These documents outlined the steps for potential outdoor graduations after July 19, 2020. CHS is both continuing with the initial plan with some alterations *and* planning on featuring an in-person Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony on August 1, 2020. Knowing that outdoor graduations are ONLY possible if public health data continue to improve, we wanted to ensure we designate our CHS graduates with the conferring of the diploma on June 6 (rain date June 7).

Senior's Last Week: This week is the last week of classes for Seniors. To close out the week, the CHS Administrative Team coordinated a drop-off/pick up on Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27. This event was coordinated very well and adhered to all social distancing guidelines. Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Senior Parade.

JFK Principal Finalists and Selection Process: There are two Finalists for the JFK Principal position. Today was the Finalist Day for Ms. Emily DiDonna and tomorrow's Finalist Day will be with Ms. Valerie Kelly. The Finalists' Days include staff, student and community forums

which are an important opportunity for multiple stakeholders to learn more about the finalists and provide feedback. This selection is based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to initial parent and staff forums; the multi-stakeholder Interview Committee who reviewed 29 applications and held 12 interviews, followed by their recommendation of two finalists; a deep review of references and conversations; and then the finalists' days. The process comes to a close with continued reference checking, engaging with the candidate, discussing elements of a contract, sharing those elements with the School Committee for approval, with the last step of mutual agreement of the contract.

Important Dates and Events

Weeks of May 25 & June 1	Virtual Field Day – Elementary Schools
May 30	Senior Parade, 9:00 am, Meet at CHS *School Committee participation welcomed
June 1	Virtual Scholarship Night, 7:00 pm, *School Committee representation requested
June 2	Performing Arts Gala, not a live event. Time and link will be emailed.
June 3	Virtual Scholastic Honors Night, 7:00 pm, *School Committee representation requested
June 4	Virtual CHS Athletics Award Ceremony, 7:00 pm
June 6	CHS Graduation, 1:00 pm, *School Committee representation requested
June 7	CHS Graduation Rain Date, 1:00 pm

D. New Business:

1. Introduce and Welcome New CHS Principal: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller introduced and welcomed Mr. David Turcotte as the new CHS Principal.
2. School Closure and Reopening Update: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller and Mr. Nectow shared school reopening information. The decision of reopening is in the hands of Governor Baker, Commissioner Riley, health organizations, the Town of Canton COVID-19 working group and the School Committee. The district is in constant communication with all stakeholders. Currently, CPS is operating under the Governor's four phase reopening plan. Plans are being finalized for re-entering schools, school business offices opening, summer cleaning and projects and special events. Summer planning includes topics such as extended school year, PreK, out of district schooling, Canton Academy, driver's education, summer camps and building use. Fall reopening plans will be in accordance with Governor Baker's reopening guidelines and informed by the recommendations of the Commissioner's wording

group. This 47 member group will be creating guidelines for summer school and Fall reopening. The district is ready to go but awaiting guidance.

3. Part 1: School Improvement Plans (SIPs) - End of Year Report: Elementary Principals and the Early Childhood Coordinator presented their End of Year Reports.

Mrs. Donna Kilday spoke to the Rodman Early Childhood Program SIP. She shared demographics, student learning outcomes, student school experiences, and goals: increased student achievement in early literacy, ensuring educational equity and cultivating a climate and culture of inclusion. For a complete copy of the Rodman SIP please go to the website, school committee/ meetings, agendas, minutes/ reports.

Mr. David Brauninger spoke to the Hansen SIP. He shared demographics, student learning outcomes, student school experiences, and a summary of goals: transforming teaching and learning, achieving educational excellence and ensuring equity, and cultivating school climate and culture. For a complete copy of the Hansen SIP please go to the website, school committee/ meetings, agendas, minutes/ reports.

Ms. Christine McMahon spoke to the JFK SIP. She shared demographics, student learning outcomes, student school experiences, and a summary of progress towards 2019-20202 goals: achieving educational excellence and ensuring equity, cultivating school climate and culture and transforming teaching and learning. For a complete copy of the JFK SIP please go to the website, school committee/ meetings, agendas, minutes/ reports.

Mrs. Yeshi Lamour spoke to the Luce SIP. She shared demographics, student learning outcomes, student school experiences, and a summary of progress towards 2019-20202 goals: achieving educational excellence and ensuring equity, and transforming teaching and learning. For a complete copy of the Luce SIP please go to the website, school committee/ meetings, agendas, minutes/ reports.

4. FY20 QIII Financial Report: Mr. Nectow reported that this item was pulled from the agenda. It will be presented at the next meeting.
5. Vote of Approval Request for Disposal of Surplus Property: Mr. Nectow requested approval to dispose of GMS technology surplus items.

Motion to approve of the disposal of surplus items stated above:

Reuki Schutt

Seconded: Kristian Merenda

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- E. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow announced that all building rental is on hold for the summer until further notice.

- F. Routine Matters:

Approve Workshop Minutes dated May 14, 2020

Move: Maureen Moran

Second: Nichola Gallagher

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Approve Executive Meeting Minutes dated May 14, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Maureen Moran

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Approve Executive Minutes dated May 26, 2020

Move: Reuki Schutt

Second: Maureen Moran

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Maureen Moran reported that she will sign the warrant dated May 22, 2020 and the Food Services warrant of May 15, 2020 and send them to Ann Benson tomorrow.

G. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Nichola Gallagher - The committee voted to approve the emergency housing assistance program in the amount of \$50k to help families in Canton.
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. Ms. Schutt thanked Mr. Nectow for his planning and strategy with respect to finance and budget during the school closure.
5. Policy - Kristin Mirliani – nothing new to report.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report.
7. Ad Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran - nothing new to report.

Ms. Moran announced that she would be attending a remote learning best practices webinar. She will report out at the next meeting.

H. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Monday, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

I. Other Business: none

J. Adjournment: Reuki Schutt motioned to close Open Session at 9:10 pm. Maureen Moran seconded. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays