

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of September 28, 2017
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order by Michael Loughran at 7:05 PM.

B. Open Session:

Present are:

Michael Loughran
Meg Gannon
Reuki Schutt
Kristin Mirliani
John Bonnanzio

Also Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Barry Nectow, Business Manager
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Public
Staff
Press

C. Public Comments/Questions: In accordance to the School Committee Policy - Public Comment (File #BEDG).

D. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Fischer-Mueller provided an update on a variety of matters going on throughout the district.

Superintendent Activities
Strategic Framework and Facilities Master Plan Meetings: Members of the School Committee and central office administrators presented the recently approved Strategic Framework and Facilities Master Plan (preferred option 5B.1) at a variety of meetings, including: CAPT meetings, GMS and Rodman Early Childhood staff meetings, the Board of Selectmen meeting and a community forum last night. Success at each of these meetings is a result of important information being shared and members of the audience participating fully and asking good questions. The next community forum is Thursday, October 5 th in the CHS cafeteria, 7PM – 8:30PM. Dr. Fischer-Mueller encouraged people to visit the school district's website for further information (www.cantonma.org) and click on <i>Building on Excellence</i>) and email questions to buildingonexcellence@cantonma.org .

Canton's 9-11 Ceremony: Central office administrators attended the 9/11 ceremony at the Canton Fire Department led by Chief Doody. In addition to the speeches by local officials, the ceremony included two CHS students playing the trumpet. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked the musicians Noel LaFrance (11th grade) and Stephen Derbin (9th grade), and Chief Doody for such a beautiful ceremony.

Backpack Donations from Waterfall Hills at Canton: The generous community of Waterfall Hills donated several backpacks and a \$250 gift card for school supplies.

Indicators of Excellence:

Enhancing the Professional Culture: As outlined in the Strategic Framework, the district is strengthening the professional culture with the development of elementary grade level team teams. The educators listed below will be participating in a year of professional learning with Assistant Superintendent Kinsella and a consultant, Gene Thompson-Grove. The goal of the program is to develop educators across the elementary schools who are skilled in facilitating adult conversation around issues of teaching and learning. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked all the grade-level team leaders and Ms. Kinsella for your commitment to developing strategies so that teachers can learn with and from each other.

Grade-level Team Leaders 2017-18 9/23/17

	Hansen	JFK	Luce
	Michelle Martino & Kim Willett	Amy Eagles	--
	Claire Lund	Marcie Oshry & Samantha Myerson	Susan McManus
	Denise Arsenault	Erin Proctor	Jessica Cohn
	Pat Phalan	Jayne Moore	Alison Ciccariello & Jenn O'Connell

	Amanda Capozzi	Jessica Joslyn	Garrett Clancy
	Liz Lydon	Michaela Booth	Natalie Fabbiano & Bridget Wade
<p>Robotics at the Elementary Schools: After conversations with Thomas Cahill and Jack Healey, two senior members of our now famous Robodogs, each of the three elementary schools will have one or two Junior FIRST Lego League teams up and running by mid-October. Through the efforts of Ms. Katie Healey, engineering teacher at CHS and coach of the FIRST Robotics program, along with members of the Robodogs, several parents at the elementary level have been recruited to take on teams. Each school will have one or two teachers managing the teams with parents as coaches. Robodog team member Matt Gaughan recently established training workshops for the parents and teachers, and they are hoping to have the teams off and running in mid October. All of this came as a result of our Robodog team members being concerned that “feeder” groups were lacking at the elementary level, and the program would not be able to expand. Dr. Fischer-Mueller thanked Mrs. Healey, Thomas Cahill, Jack Healey, Matt Gaughan, and the parent volunteers who are taking on the development of new Junior FIRST Lego Leagues. The teachers will be as follows: Justin Martin-Hansen; Jill Marsh and Adrienne Shemtove – Luce; and Marci DiCara – JFK.</p>			
Important Dates and Events			
Public Forum: Strategic Framework – October 5 @ 7PM			
No School – Columbus Day – October 9			
Bullying Prevention Parent Information Night – October 11 @ 6PM			
Fit4Fund\$ at GMS – October 12			

E. New Business

1. Superintendent’s FY17 Evaluation and FY18 Goals: Chairman, Michael Loughran presented the Superintendent’s FY17 Evaluation and FY18 Goals. The goals included:
 - i. Goal 1: Implementing Strategic Area of Focus 1.1 - Educational Equity as defined in the Strategic Framework.
 - ii. Goal 2: Continue to advance the professional culture of the school system, including implementation of Strategic Area of Focus 2.3 - Professional Culture as defined in the Strategic Framework.

- iii. Goal 3: Implement Strategic Area of Focus 3.3 - Educators' Creativity and Innovation as defined in the Strategic Framework.
- iv. Goal 4: Implement Long-term Strategic Objective - 4 Achieving District Excellence as defined in the Strategic Framework.

The Superintendent was rated as proficient in goals 1, 2 and 4. Dr.

Fischer-Mueller was rated as exemplary for goal 3.

- 2. School Improvement Plans: School Improvement Plans for Early Childhood, Galvin Middle School and Canton High School were presented. All School Improvement plans will be available online, once approved by School Committee.

Donna Kilday presented the School Improvement Plan for the Rodman Early Childhood Center. The 2017-18 goals include:

- #1 through a series of professional development opportunities, all Rodman educators will increase their capacity to better meet the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students in the inclusive setting.
- #2 Rodman educators will foster critical thinking and problem solving skills in all students by designing science units which support the school values of academic rigor, inclusive opportunities and accessibility for all students.
- #3 Rodman staff will engage in data analysis of every student in order to adapt instruction and interventions to allow for increased growth and learning.

Dr. William Conard presented the Galvin Middle School Improvement Plan. The GMS School Improvement Plan for 2017-18 includes:

- #1 School Culture and Student Experience - Creating a school culture that places students at its center, with an emphasis on the development of positive, healthy relationships that promote students' well-being and growth.
- #2 Transformational Teaching and Learning - Strengthen and broaden the repertoire of instructional strategies used by GMS educators through consistent, focused professional collaboration that promotes collective accountability for the success of students.
- #3 The Pilot Team - Increasing student engagement growth and achievement by supporting the development of Team Silver as they pilot an approach that maximizes interdisciplinary and relevant learning opportunities that support the academic, social, and emotional needs of their students.

Derek Folan presented the Canton High School Improvement Plan. The CHS goals included:

- #1 Cultivating School Climate and Culture - Cultivation of a school culture that features a safe, welcoming, inclusive learning environment

- #2 Transforming Teaching and Learning - Design transformative authentic student learning experiences through teacher collaboration and the cultivation of a strong professional culture.
- #3 Achieving Educational Excellence and Ensuring Equity - Increase achievement on Advanced Placement (AP) exams so that 80% of AP students earn a score of three or better, while also ensuring AP participation reflects the demographic breakdown of Canton High School.
- #4 Achieving District Excellence - Expand technology use through bring-your-own-device (BYOD) program to promote authentic, student-centered learning and to showcase transformative, high-level learning experiences at Canton High School.

- 5 yea 0 nay

7. Summer 2017 PD and Programming: Assistant Superintendent, Jennifer Henderson provided an update on the summer programming and introduced a few of the key summer programming. Ed Amico gave a presentation on the successful Canton Academy Summer Program. Rebecca Ashley presented on the Bridge Program and Jennifer Henderson then presented information on Rise-Up program and all other Professional Development offered over the summer months.
8. Enrollment: Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller presented the enrollment numbers for the district as of September 1, 2017. Enrollment numbers can be provided upon request to the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Brett McCloud.

F. Business Manager's Report: Barry Nectow presented the Business Manager's report. Mr. Nectow's updated the public on transportation and that all bus passes should be printed and that the transportation wait list has been placed on buses. Mr. Nectow also included information on the JFK school RFP that will be posted in the Canton Citizen.

G. Routine Matters

1. Approve Minutes dated September 28, 2017. It was voted 5-0.

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2. Approve Bill Schedule dated October 19, 2017. It was voted 5-0.

5 yea

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H. Sub-Committee Reports

1. TEC - Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller – no report
2. CPC - John Bonnanzio - no report
3. BRC - Reuki Schutt - no school related activity
4. Wellness - Meg Gannon – no report
5. Finance - Reuki Schutt/Meg Gannon – no report
6. Policy - Kristin Mirliani - BEDG will be looked at.
7. Paul Revere Heritage Commission (PRHC) - John Bonnanzio –no report

I. Future Business – Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

J. Other Business – No other business.

K. Adjournment – Reuki Schutt motioned adjourn at 9:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Meg Gannon seconded the motion. It was voted 5-0.

5 yea 0 nay