

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
February 23, 2010

Present: Jan McGinn, Chair CCSC; CSC
Fabian Fondriest, Chair CSC; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, Vice-Chair CSC; CCSC
Louis Salemy, Vice Chair, CCSC
Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC

Absent: Dale Ryder, CCSC

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kathy Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The session was called to order by Mr. Salemy for CCSC and Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:35 PM.
- B. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

JT Meeting – 1/26/2010. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2010 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Salemy seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CCSC. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for CPS. The motion was unanimously approved.

CPS Meetings – 1/12/2010, 2/9/2010. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for the January 12, 2010 CSC Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for the February 9, 2010 CSC Meeting. The motions were unanimously approved.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. DESE Race to the Top. Ms. Rigby stated that we received a letter from the Commissioner of Education congratulating CCHS as one of the 256 districts to commit to participate in the Massachusetts Race to the Top initiatives. The district will be notified in early April if Massachusetts was successful and then we will be working with all of the districts to establish what our goals will be and we will be working in conjunction with the teachers union in developing our specific goals.
- B. Energy Efficiency & Block Grant for Solar PV Award – The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). The Town of Concord was awarded an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) sub-grant in the amount of \$150,000 for Solar PV. The Sawyer Trust is contributing \$100,000 and the Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP) is contributing \$50,000 for a total of \$300,000.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

- A. CCHS:

Congratulations to Robin Cicchetti & Carla Sechman for receiving the Goldin Foundation Award for Excellence in Education 2010. Mr. Badalament, Principal, congratulated Ms. Cicchetti, Library Media Specialist, and Ms. Sechman, Science Teacher, for receiving the Goldin Foundation Award for Excellence in Education. Both Ms. Cicchetti and Ms. Sechman were nominated by their colleagues.

Posse Scholarships: Mr. Badalament, Principal, congratulated Carolyn Infante (Attending Union College) & Chenara Seepersad (Attending Hamilton College). Both students were awarded the Posse Scholarship which awards the student with a full four year scholarship.

Mr. Badalament, Principal, congratulated CCHS musicians for earning placement in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) All-State Festival.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Progress report on district goal to conduct curriculum review for Freshman/Sophomore English – Peter Badalament, Principal CCHS, Kathy Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning, Rebecca Loprete, English Teacher and Jennifer Greeley, English Teacher gave a presentation on the Progress Report Curriculum Review: English. Points covered were district goals, essential questions, process, curriculum mapping, assessment, rigor, and progress to date.

B. FY11 Budget Presentation: February 24 Budget Hearing. Mr. Flaherty gave an overview of the presentation that will be presented at the Town Budget Hearing to be held at the Town Hall.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. New principal for Thoreau. Ms. Rigby announced the appointment of Kelly Clough as the new principal at Thoreau. For the past five years, Mrs. Clough has served as the Principal of McAvinnue School in Lowell. The Concord School Committee will formally welcome Mrs. Clough to the community at the March 9, 2010 meeting.

B. Review draft of annual Spring Performance Report for comments/suggestions. Ms. Rigby stated that a working draft was handed out and hopefully the report will be ready before Town Meeting. Copies will be distributed to households in Concord and Carlisle. Ms. Janet Friedman, editor and collaborator, who is working in conjunction with the Business Office, Administrative Team and principals to develop the Spring Performance Report. Ms. Friedman thanked Eileen Curtin in the Business Office for her help in putting together the report and for her expertise with Word Publisher.

C. March 5, 2010: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ Peabody Library, 2:45 – 4:00 PM.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ms. Pam Gannon, Vice-Chair CSC; CCSC, stated that the Massachusetts State Fencing Championships will be held at CCHS on Sunday, February 28, 2010. The women's team is going for their 7th year as an undefeated team and the men will be facing St. John's Prep.

X. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CCSC to adjourn into executive session by roll call. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 03/23/2010

Abbreviations:

CSC Concord School Committee

CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
CEF	Concord Education Fund
CMLP	Concord Municipal Light Plant
DESE	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
DOER	Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
EECBG	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
MMEA	Massachusetts Music Educators Association