

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord, MA 01742
March 9, 2010

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

Absent: Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Chair

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:35 PM.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

None

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. 2010 Toyota Tapestry Grant Award. Ms. Rigby recognized Diane Kablik, Science Coordinator, for receiving the 2010 Toyota Tapestry Award in the amount of \$9,000. This is for all fourth grade science classrooms to study the Blanding's turtles.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. Willard: Erica Chicco, Library Media Specialist - How-To-Tutorials. Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Fernandes, Principal, Willard, would like to recognize Ms. Chicco, First Year Library Media Specialist, for her work with the fifth grade students to prepare them to use How-To-Tutorials. Ms. Chicco has also facilitated Willard's participation in the Massachusetts Book Award Project.

B. Alcott: Noelle Johnson. Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, would like to recognize Ms. Johnson, Speech/Language Pathologist, for her use of Web Tools 2.0 with her students.

C. Thoreau: Custodians Debbie Frederick, Bill Lorensen and Mario Pavao. Ms. Rigby on behalf of Mr. Colantuono, Principal would like to recognize Ms. Frederick, Mr. Lorensen and Mr. Pavao for all their hard work to keep Thoreau looking as new as it did when it opened four (4) years ago.

D. Middle School: Anna Anderson. Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Ms. Anderson, Strings Instructor, for her work with students and the community. She has brought students to play with the Concord Symphony Orchestra and involved the community in workshops with students.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Introduction of Kelly Clough, new Thoreau School Principal. Ms. Rigby introduced Ms. Clough to the school committee. Ms. Rigby read the appointment letter to the audience. Ms. Rigby thanked the Thoreau staff for attending the school committee meeting to support the new principal. Ms. Clough thanked Ms. Rigby and said she is looking forward to being the next principal at the Thoreau School.
- B. Life of a Star video project – Ms. Moss, 6th grade science teacher, and students gave a presentation on Life of a Star video project.
- C. Moodle in the Classroom – Ms. Peskin, CMS Technology Specialist, gave a presentation on Moodle in the Classroom.
- D. Progress on CMS Math Program Improvement – Lynne Beattie, CMS Principal, Meg McCann, Math Dept., Chair, Kathy Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning. A Progress Report Curriculum Review: Middle School Mathematics was presented. The topics covered were District Goals K-12, Formative Assessments, Progress to Date and Next Steps.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2010 Performance Report. Ms. Rigby stated she appreciated all the feedback and the final draft will be completed mid-March. The report will be distributed to all households in Concord and Carlisle before Town Meeting.
- B. Mr. Wedge stated that he contacted The Concord Journal about submitting a guest commentary regarding the Warrant Article for the feasibility study. The article would be published within the next couple of weeks.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. EDCO is offering a Legislative Forum called 21st Century Classrooms – Where Are We Headed and How Do We Get There? It will be held March 31, 2010 from 9:30 – 11:30 at the State House.
- B. Calendar – Ms. Rigby stated that the Middle School has decided that all students will attend the first day of school. There will not be a separate day for sixth graders to attend school for orientation. Orientation will be held during the first day of school. All K-8 families will have the same first day of school, September 7, 2010.
- C. April 9, 2001: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ CCHS Library, 2:30 – 4:00 PM.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Gannon to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned at 7:30 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
EDCO	Education Collaborative for Great Boston, Inc.