

**CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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Concord, MA 01742  
June 8, 2010

**Present:** Pam Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC  
Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC  
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC

**Absent:** Fabian Fondriest, CSC; 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 & Learning, CPS & CCRSD

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The session was called to order by Ms. Gannon for CSC at 6:40 PM.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

None

**III. CHAIRS REPORT**

A. Ms. Gannon stated that graduation will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 2:00 PM and the school committee members will need parking passes.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Concord Children's Center – Pat Nelson, Executive Director. Ms. Rigby stated that the Concord Children's Center has raised funds to develop the Natural Playscape located at the Ripley Building at 120 Meriam Road. On Saturday, June 12, 2010 between 9 – 2 PM the Concord Community is invited to come out to help begin work on the Playscape.

B. Ms. Rigby stated that the final grant letter from MSBA for the Thoreau Elementary Project was received.

**V. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Alcott: Ms. Young, Principal recognized Mr. D'Abbraccio, Grade 3 teacher for his facilitation with the Green Monsters (40-45 students) which is the Environmental Friendly Group at Alcott. They worked on recycling and building natural habitats for the animals that live around Alcott.

B. Thoreau: Mr. Colantuono, Principal stated that a CEF Grant was written to study Global Education and implement curriculum. The project involved high school students, under the guidance of high school teachers, to become experts on various cultures and then put together electronic presentations which were presented to elementary students. Mr. Colantuono would like to recognize and thank Thoreau teachers Ms. Silven, Ms. Erickson, Ms. Henry, Ms. Watson, Ms. Keefe, Ms. Najimy and Ms. Howard and from CCHS Ms. Cicchetti and Dr. Nurenberg. Mr. Colantuono recognized Ms. Rigby, Concord Public Schools and the Thoreau community for inviting him into their world five (5) years ago.

C. Willard: Ms. Fernandes, Principal would like to recognize Ms. Saunders, Art Teacher and Mr. Ouellette, district carpenter. Last year the 5<sup>th</sup> graders created commemorative tiles of their memories of Willard. Ms. Saunders completed the firing and preparation of the tiles and Mr. Ouellette framed and installed the tiles in the lobby of Willard. Ms. Fernandes also thanked Mr. Germond, Physical Education Teacher for the organization of field days. Fifth Grade Arts night will be held June 9 and Ms. Fernandes recognized Ms. Saunders, Art Teacher, and Ms. Bethel, Music Teacher for the band and orchestra performance. Ms. Fernandes recognized Ms.

Anderson, Strings Instructor and Mr. Hendricks, Music Teacher. Ms. Fernandes also recognized Ms. Matheus, Earth Care Club Advisor and Technology Specialist, Ms. Ernst, Parent Leader, Mr. Sweeney, Head Custodian, and Ms. Maslowksi, Head Cook and her staff for organizing litter free lunch.

D. Middle School: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Mr. Brian Ouellette, district carpenter and greatly appreciates Brian's work at CMS this year. Some of his work includes replacing white boards, installing chin up bars in the gym, constructing slant boards for accommodation of student needs, and hanging student murals in each lobby. Brian is very talented, takes pride in his work and it shows. Also recognized were Ms. Fernandez-Davila, Science Teacher and Department Chair. Under her leadership the Science Curriculum has evolved and technology tools are used to enrich student learning. Ms. Fernandez-Davila will be stepping down as Chair. Meg McCann, Math Teacher and Department Chair was recognized for her contributions for the past 16 years as Chair and will be stepping down as Chair in the fall.

E. Ms. Rigby recognized the Administrative Team for a very successful year, all three elementary principals, middle school principal as well as the Ripley Staff for a terrific job leading the schools. Ms. Rigby recognized Mr. Colantuono for his 34 years in education. Ms. Rigby stated that Mr. Colantuono did a great job leading Thoreau the past five (5) years.

## **VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Review of K-5 Student/Parent Handbook – Kathy Codianne, Director of Teaching & Learning. Ms. Codianne stated that following changes have been made to the handbook. School lunch has gone up to \$3.00 per day. Page 16: Bullying: An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools. Page 19: Bus Safety.

B. Elementary School Improvement Plans

- Alcott School – Sharon Young. Ms. Young, Principal. Ms. Young gave a brief presentation of the School Improvement Plan for 2010-2011.

- Thoreau School – Mr. Colantuono, Principal gave a brief presentation of the School Improvement Plan for 2010-2011.

- Willard School – Ms. Fernandes, Principal gave a brief presentation of the School Improvement Plan for 2010-2011.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Vote to approve K-5 Student/Parent Handbook 2010-2011. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada that the Concord School Committee votes to approve the K-5 Student/Parent Handbook for 2010-2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Ms. Rigby introduced Mr. Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Mr. Flaherty stated that there have been two (2) new hires. Spyros Saucier, Transportation Manager starting July 1, 2010 and Matthew Wells, Business Analyst in the Business Office starting June 21, 2010.

## **X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The CSC Meeting was kept open and was followed by the Joint School Committee Meeting beginning at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 08/24/2010

### 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.