

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
October 26, 2010

Present: Pam Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC
Louis Salemy, Chair, CCSC
Peter Fischelis, Vice Chair, CCSC, CSC
Jerry Wedge, 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 and Learning, CPS & CCRSD

Absent: Bill Fink, CCSC
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, CCSC

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Mr. Salemy for CCSC and Ms. Gannon for CSC at 6:30 PM. The Chairs noted that recording devices are being used to record the meeting.

A. Welcome to the Student Advisory Council. Emily Chen and Sophie Gechijian reported that juniors took the PSAT test last weekend. Back to School Night was held. Students wore purple on October 13, 2010 to promote national coming out day. A Mental Health Assembly was held. Class of 2012 will host a Halloween Dance Saturday, October 30, 2010. Senate goals discussed were improvement to the fitness center, double sided printer, tea in the cafeteria, penny wars, a senior memories wall and more student art murals.

B. Citizens' Comments – None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session

Jt. Meeting – Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for the September 28, 2010 Concord-Carlisle School Committee Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis for the Concord Public School Committee Meeting. Both motions were unanimously approved.

CPS – Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada for the October 12, 2010 Concord Public School Committee Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. CHAIRS REPORT

Mr. Salemy stated that it is important for citizens to vote No on Question 3 on November 2, 2010, Mass Sales Tax Relief Act. It will have a big negative impact on education for both Concord and Carlisle Schools if the vote passes. Mr. Salemy stated that The Office of Michael Rosenfeld (OMR) will give a review of the Master Plan that was done last year. The meeting will be held at the Carlisle Public School Cafeteria on November 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Everyone from both communities is invited.

Ms. Gannon stated that Concord Municipal Light Plant is holding an open house on November 16, 2010 from 2-4 PM to celebrate the solar panels that were installed at the Willard School.

Mr. Wedge stated that if Question 3 passes it would be devastating to the school budgets/education as well as the new building project budget. Citizens should educate themselves on the Mass Sales Tax Relief Act and the candidate's positions.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from MSBA dated 9/29/2010. Ms. Rigby stated that she received a letter from MSBA indicating that CCRSD was moved from the repair assessment category of the capital pipeline to the Feasibility Study.
- B. Adult & Community Education October 1, 2010 Director's Report. The driver education program has 20 new students.

V. RECOGNITIONS

- A. CCHS:

Mr. Badalament recognized Ms. DesLoges, Spanish Teacher, for achieving Professional Status. Ms. DesLoges hosted the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MAFLA) Technology Conference. Ms. DesLoges led a community school partnership trip to San Marcos, Nicaragua last school year where the students did community service work.

Mr. Badalament recognized Ms. Ravalese, Math Teacher, for speaking at the Mental Health Assembly. Ms. Ravalese did an outstanding job destigmatizing the issues surrounding mental health issues and how students could get assistance if they needed it.

Mr. Badalament recognized the boy's soccer team, soccer coaches and Barry Haley for participating in Kicks for Cancer which raised \$15,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- A. MCAS presentation – Kathy Codianne and Peter Badalament. Mr. Badalament, Principal, and Ms. Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning gave a presentation on CCHS MCAS 2010.
- B. Climate Surveys by K12 Insight. Ms. Rigby stated that four (4) different surveys should be deployed in November and the results should be available in January. The surveys are: All Employee Survey; K12 Climate Survey Teacher School Site Survey; CPS & CCRSD Parent Survey and the CPS & CCRSD Student Survey.
- C. First Reading of Policies:
 - File: IJNDB –Concord Staff & Concord Student Acceptable Use Policy
 - File: IJNDD – Policy on FaceBook and Social Networking Websites
 - File: JICFB – Bullying Prevention
- D. FY12 Budget Development – Mr. Flaherty gave a presentation on the CCRSD FY2012 Preliminary Planning Budget.
- E. RTTT Grant Application – Ms. Rigby stated that CCRSD received \$11,040 in funding to improve teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance. The performance measure for Year 1 is to establish an Evaluation Implementation Working Group and to revise the current evaluation process to be consistent with the new state regulations.
- F. School Committee Communications to the Public – Ms. Spada will be responsible for a monthly write up to the school communities highlighting school committee news for each month.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Gift Acceptance - Donation from Ruetters Family Charitable Foundation to CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the CCSC votes to accept an unrestricted gift in the amount of \$10,000 to the CCHS Ruetters Enrichment Series Fund. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Vote to approve CCHS "Geology Field Trips". A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the CCSC votes to approve the CCHS "Geology Field Trips" to New York on March 26, 2011, Cliff Island, Portland, Maine on April 23, 2011 and South Bristol, Maine on May 14 & 15, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve 2011 American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The motion was postponed.

D. Vote to approve trip to the American Meteorological Society (AMS) conference in Seattle, WA. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the CCSC votes to approve the trip to the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Conference in Seattle, WA in January 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Vote to approve Model UN Field Trip. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that CCSC votes to grant permission to plan the Johns Hopkins Model UN Field Trip for February 10-13, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Vote to adopt written Designer Selection Procedure. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the CCSC votes to adopt the written designer selection procedure. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CCHS Building Project. Mr. Wedge stated that the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) position has been successfully advertised. Fourteen people representing thirteen different firms attended the walk through at CCHS on October 19, 2010. The deadline for accepting proposals is Friday, October 29, 2010. The subcommittee of the Building Committee will review the proposals and generate a list of three (3) finalists and then set up interviews with the full committee.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. October 29, 2010: CCHS Visit by Turkmenistan Teachers and Commissioner Mitchell Chester.

B. November 3-6, 2010: MASC/MASS Jt. Conference, Hyannis.

C. November 12, 2010: Superintendent's afternoon tea @ Alcott Library, 3:30 – 5:00 PM.

D. Calendar Committee: Ms. Spada has been appointed to the Calendar Committee. The meeting will be held on November 17, 2010.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CCSC and a motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada for CSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 11/23/2010

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
AHSTF	American High School Theatre Festival
MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
MFLA	Massachusetts Foreign Language Association
OMR	The Office of Michael Rosenfeld, Inc.
OPM	Owner's Project Manager

Addendum:

1. Joint School Committee Meeting Agenda – October 26, 2010
2. Massachusetts School Building Authority Correspondence dated 09/29/10
3. Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education 2010 Director's Report
4. MCAS 2010 Report
5. K12 Climate Survey Teacher School Site Survey
6. Concord Staff Acceptable Use Policy
7. Policy on FaceBook and Social Networking Websites
8. Bullying Prevention
9. CCRSD FY2012 Planning Budget
10. FY11 Race to the Top Contract Form and Application
11. Gift Acceptance – Donation from Ruetters Family Charitable Foundation
12. Approve CCHS Geology Field Trips
13. Approve Edinburgh Fringe Festival
14. Approve American Meteorological Society Conference in Seattle, WA
15. Approve Model UN Field Trip
16. Adopting Written Designer Selection Procedures