

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord School Committee
Concord, MA 01742
January 11, 2011

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

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

None

III. CHAIRS REPORT

A. Ms. Gannon stated that she would like to change the CPS Meeting on February 8, 2011 to a Joint meeting and cancel the meeting on February 22, 2011. Ms. Gannon proposed that the June meetings be changed; the CPS Meeting would be held June 7, 2011 and the Joint Meeting be held June 21, 2011. The changes will be posted.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. RECOGNITIONS

A. Alcott: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, recognized Jean Thuma, Language Arts Specialist & Judy Olson, Math Specialist, for their continuing hard work for insuring continuing success for each student at Alcott.

B. Thoreau: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Clough, Principal, recognized Maria Schofield and Donna Macone, school secretaries, for their commitment to staff, students and Thoreau families.

C. Willard: Ms. Fernandes, Principal, recognized Jennifer Thistle and Robin McManus. Ms. Thistle, Special Ed Teacher, presented an idea to the students to collect snacks and personal care items to send to service members in Afghanistan. Ms. McManus, 4th Grade Teacher, coordinated the collecting and the shipping of the boxes.

D. CMS: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Susanne Broderick and Catherine Paladino, Science Teachers, for their work for implementing a Robotic Lego Team in partnership with the CCHS students. The middle school students won an award for team work at the *FIRST* LEGO League Robotics Competition and competed in the State Championships.

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Presentation: Willard Analemma Project – Janice Shear, Kate Fitzgerald and Mary-Kate Reid and third grade students gave a presentation on the analemma at Willard.
- B. Financial Report - FY11 Budget Status. Mr. Flaherty gave a presentation on the status of the FY11 budget.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Surplus Classroom – Ripley Pods. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada that the Concord School Committee declare the space identified as C-1 as surplus. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada that the Concord School Committee amend the vote in the September 28, 2010 minutes in Section VII, Item D to recommend to the Town “to pursue a long term lease with the Concord Children’s Center for the Pod B classrooms including the surplus space identified as C-1 as part of the lease”. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Annual Town Report. Ms. Rigby stated she would like to thank Pam Gannon, the school principals and the Admin. Team for contributing to the Annual Town Report which will be published in the spring. The Town Report is posted on the district website.
- B. Climate Survey. Ms. Rigby stated that climate survey has been completed. 674 parents, approximately 36%, 195 teachers, approximately 61%, 108 support staff, approximately 39%, and 940 middle and high school students, approximately 50% responded. K12 Insight is preparing the reports and they will be shared at a school committee meeting within the next month.
- C. MTA Reinventing Educator Evaluation. Ms. Rigby stated that the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) released *Reinventing Educator Evaluation: Connecting Professional Practice with Student Learning*. Several items have been included that were discussed with the local teacher group that the MTA has included in their recommendations for the state wide committee. These items include standards of practice, the indicators of effective teaching practices, four performance categories, an evaluation process that includes more than classroom observation, a process that considers measures of student outcomes as well as evidence of professional contributions to the school districts.
- D. The CCHS Parents Association is hosting the film “Race to Nowhere” February 10 at 7:00 pm in the Willard auditorium. Reserve your free seat on the district web site. Ms. Rigby will facilitate a discussion with the participants after the film.

X. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Cheryl Kirkpatrick stated that she would like to know if there is a requirement to attach student growth scores to teacher evaluations if the Race to the Top (RTTT) funding is attached. Ms. Rigby responded that the regional district is waiting for the state to determine what the regulations will include she expects that student growth will be part of teacher evaluation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Spada to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 01/25/11

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
MTA	Massachusetts Teachers Association
RTTT	Race to the Top

Addendum:

1. Concord School Committee Meeting Agenda – January 11, 2011
2. FY2011 Concord Public Schools Year to Date Budget Status
3. Annual Town Report 2010
4. Surplus Classrooms – Ripley Pods