

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord School Committee
Concord, MA 01742
March 8, 2011

Present: Pamela Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC
Fabian Fondriest, CSC; CCSC
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC

Absent: Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Jessica Murphy, Director Special Education, 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 presenters for articles for Concord Town Meeting need to be assigned. A more traditional budget presentation will be used instead of the video that was shown at the public hearing last week. Retiring teachers and teachers with many years of service will be recognized on Wednesday night of Town Meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Ms. Rigby stated that a letter was received from MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that found the district to be in compliance with all of the criteria monitored in the district for the Mid-Cycle Review for special education.

V. RECOGNITIONS

A. Alcott: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, recognized Bill Cagnina, Anibal Negrón & Edgar DeMesa for their great work in clearing the snow and keeping the building beautiful.

B. Thoreau: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Clough, Principal, recognized Debbie Frederick, Bill Lorenson & Mario Pavao for their continued efforts in keeping school grounds as safe as possible and free of ice and snow during this challenging winter season.

C. Willard: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Fernandes, Principal, recognized Janine Gaudreau, Willard nurse and Denise Santos, student nurse for their informative presentation to Bonnie Hardy and the CPS Foods Committee. They provided useful information regarding the impact of student health issues on food choices.

D. CMS: Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Debbie Harmon, math teacher who has been at the middle school for 15 years. Ms. Harmon had done a huge amount of work in designing and implemented the intensive math curriculum that has just been brought up to the middle school.

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. CMS Math Program - Lynne Beattie and Paul Crowley. Ms. Beattie and Mr. Crowley, Math Department Chair gave a presentation regarding the CMS Math Program which is related to one of the district goals of evaluating the current program to improve math achievement for middle school students.

B. Special Education Report – Jessica Murphy, Director of Special Education. Ms. Murphy gave a presentation on the Special Education program from preschool through grade 8. Ms. Murphy thanked Ms. Beattie, Mr. Crowley and Ms. Harmon for all the math department at the middle school has done to help integrate the students who are coming out of the part day programs. As of March 1, 2011 K-8 there were 324 students on IEPs and 37 out of district students.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Gift Acceptance – A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord School Committee votes to accept the donation of a Casio Previa 120 keyboard and publicly thank Yuriko Soejima. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There will be a suicide prevention screening at CMS for eighth graders in April.

B. Willard has missed five (5) days of schools. April 7th will be used as a make up day instead of using an additional day in June.

C. The Town Meeting Articles need to be assigned to school committee members to present. The Articles are Budget, Renovations, Technology Stabilization Fund and Capital Needs Stabilization Fund.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 03/22/11

Abbreviations:

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| CSC | Concord School Committee |
| CCSC | Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee |
| CPS | Concord Public Schools |
| CCRS | Concord-Carlisle Regional School District |
| CCHS | Concord-Carlisle Regional High School |
| DESE | Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education |

Addendum:

1. Concord School Committee Meeting Agenda – March 8, 2011
2. DESE Letter Dated February 7, 2011
3. Gift Acceptance – Casio Previa 120 Keyboard (Willard)
4. CMS Math Update – March 8, 2011