

CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord Public School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
November 22, 2011

- Present:** Peter Fischelis, Chair, CCSC, CSC
Pamela Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC
- Absent:** Fabian Fondriest, 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

CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Ms. Gannon for CSC at 7:30 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

None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Alcott: Ms. Young, Principal, recognized fifth grade students and fifth grade teachers Emily O'Hara, Lisa Luby, Adam Gregor and parent liaison Denise Jantzen for a wonderful community service program. They took in food donations and created over 200 kid packs for Open Table.
- B. CMS: Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Jim Bozak, Willie Furtado, Bill Walsh, Kamel Bounar & Wayne Wallen.
- C. Willard: Ms. Fernandes, Principal recognized the RTI/Data Team: Susan Chafe, Jane Costello, Barbara Magee, Jen Thistle, Jessica Edwards, Sharon Hehn & Miriam Kornitzer.
- D. Thoreau: Ms. Clough, Principal, recognized Shannon Granger, Karla Keefe, Rachel Levesque, Sue Howard, Roseanne Swain and Bob Lemaire for their work on the all school assemblies.

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- A. K-8 MCAS. Kathy Codianne and K-8 principals. Ms. Codianne gave a presentation of the 2011 MCAS for Concord Public Schools.
- B. FY13 Budget Development. Mr. Flaherty stated that the Finance Committee was presented a budget request increase of 4.5% that included \$130,900 of reductions from the preliminary needs budget. The \$130,900 gap was met by reducing instructional supplies and materials by 13.5% and reductions built in for some staffing positions.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Vote to approve attendance area for the Longview Meadows Project.

A motion was made by Ms. Spada seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee votes to approve to move the Longview Meadows Project to the Thoreau attendance area. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Vote to accept donation from Willard PTG for instructional materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Ms. Spada that the Concord School Committee votes to accept the donation from the Willard PTG of \$3,000 to purchase instructional materials to support writing instruction. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CCHS Building Project. Ms. Spada thanked the Department of Public Works, The Harvey Wheeler Community Center, Concord Public Library (both branches) and Crosby's Marketplace for allowing the School Committee and Administration to spend time in front of their buildings talking to citizens about the building project. Mr. Fischelis thanked Bedford Farms, Reasons To Be Cheerful, and West Concord Liquors for snack donations to voters and volunteers.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Ms. Rigby stated that the Coordination Meeting will be held December 3, 2011 at 8:30 AM at the Town House.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Karen Pettyjohn, 143 Ministerial Drive, Concord, MA. Ms. Pettyjohn, Thoreau Librarian, stated that she was extremely gratified to hear some of the comments and it was a good budget presentation and has appreciated there hasn't been an over ride in quite a while. Ms. Pettyjohn stated that she was speaking on behalf of the library aides. The library functions as a classroom and she teaches every student every week. The library aides are largely running the clerical end of the library. There are books to be mended, bills to be sent and parents to be trained, and if that has to come out of the hours that she has to spend in her whole job there would be a change, there would definitely be an affect on the library.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 12/13/2011

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