

Minutes

PRESENT: Ms. Rebecca Shannon, Chair
Ms. Betsy Bilodeau
Ms. Jan McGinn
Mr. Patrick Sinnott
Mr. Jerry Wedge

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Brenda Finn, Superintendent
Mr. John Flaherty
Ms. Diana Rigby

I CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The CSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Wedge at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Wedge stated the Joint meeting would begin at 7 p.m.

II READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. McGinn to approve the minutes from the Concord School Committee meeting held March 31, 2005. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

B. Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Sinnott to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting held March 31, 2005. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

III CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wedge stated a meeting will be held by the Build Willard Committee on June 15 regarding next steps.

Dr. Finn stated Mr. Rosenfeld expressed his disappointment in the vote. He sends his regards to the School Committee.

IV RECOGNITIONS

A. Thank you to Jim Halliday, Principal of Thoreau School

Dr. Finn recognized Jim Halliday, and expressed her gratitude for the work he has done for the Concord Public Schools this year. She presented him with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

B. Thank you to Build Willard Committee

Mr. Sinnott thanked the Build Willard Committee for a job well done. They have come very far and we look forward to continuing to work with them.

C. Thank you to Curriculum Specialists

Ms. Rigby thanked the 7 curriculum specialists at the Concord Public Schools.

D. Middle School: Foreign Language Super Stars

Mr. Unobskey recognized the 40 eighth grade students who participated in the Spanish Exam and the 32 students who took the French Exam.

E. Alcott: Grade 5 Art Retrospective

Dr. Finn stated Ms. Young recognized the 5th grade teachers for the student art retrospective.

F. Thoreau:

Mr. Halliday recognized Margery Condon and Beth Kalikstein for the work they did regarding MCAS testing. He also recognized Susan Howard of the technology department.

G. Willard: Fifth Grade Night of the Arts

Ms. Fernandes recognized the music teachers, the 5th grade chorus and the art retrospective.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. First Reading: K-5 Parent/Student Handbook 05-06

This is a first reading; vote will be taken at next meeting.

B. First Reading: CMS Parent/Student Handbook 05-06

This is a first reading; vote will be taken at next meeting.

C. Approve recommendation to bring temperatures at Alcott within reasonable limits for learning environment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to request the town, through the Alcott Building Committee, to investigate the cause of the extremely high temperatures in the second floor classrooms of the Alcott Building and make recommendations to bring those temperatures to within reasonable limits for a learning environment. The Concord School Committee further request that money

be held in the Alcott construction budget to cover the cost to implement those recommendations.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

VI REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Principal Salary Data

Ms. Rigby recommended the School Committee increase the elementary school principals' salary by 5 percent.

Mr. Wedge asked if it was in the budget. Mr. Flaherty stated it is.

Ms. Bilodeau thanked Dr. Finn and Ms. Rigby for looking into it. She stated it should not be compared with teaching steps. The focus needs to be on salary.

VII OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bilodeau stated she is grateful the budgets passed. In the future, we need to work differently on the YES campaign. We need to be more proactive.

X. ADJOURNMENT

CSC joined the Joint School Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 7/26/05