

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

April 11, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Palomba called the meeting of the Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on April 11, 2023 at 4:33 p.m.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members were in attendance:

Tina Bradley	Karen Brank	Jen Eberle	Darren Furno	Sharen Lindberg	Andrea McSherry
Paul Palomba	Geneva Parker	Tina Riley	Jen Schott	Tracey Smith	Lynne Watson
Karen Zutali					

The following ELT members were not in attendance (*Denotes reported excused absence.): *Randy Bifulchi, *Cheryl Bissmeyer, * Jennifer Henderson, *Sandy Rosetta, Marcie Eakin, Brian Mishak, Allan Brown, Greg Soper, Paul Soska.

Correction to March 13, 2023 minutes: Jen Schott should have been listed/denoted as an excused absence.

Rita McMillen motioned to accept the secretary's report from the March 2023 meeting. Manny Halkias seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you from Rayna Finnicum for the Giant Eagle Gift Card.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for April 2022-2023. For income, he highlighted the total interest in September vs October in comparison to the March interest rate. The checking balance includes the Night Out monies. For the bonds, he reported out on the balances. For expenses, he explained that March is a three paycheck month and explained utilities costs. Karen Brank made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jennifer Eberle seconded the motion. Motion passed. Regarding the Night Out fundraiser, the treasurer projected approximately \$16,000 intake and discussed the funding of the future educator scholarship. He concluded by stating the PR fund has approximately \$9300 for the collaborative.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Special Guests: Bill Sherer (current council president) who is running for mayoral nominations and Joe Cole who is running for city council were introduced. Mr. Sherer delineated how he is different from the other candidates. Mr. Cole explained his reasons for running for city council at large.
2. "Educator of the Year" Presentations:
 - a. Kathryn Lacefield, Math Teacher at STEAMM Academy @ Hartford: Coach Amanda Gillespie and Coach Julieann Doerschuk presented why Coach Kathryn Lacefield should be chosen as the CPEA Educator of the Year.
 - b. Jennifer Pisani, 4th Grade Teacher at the Arts Academy: Ben Hoskins, Jennifer Crone, and Diane Sommer presented why Mrs. Jennifer Pisani should be chosen as the CPEA Educator of the Year.
 - c. Jennifer Pisani was elected CPEA Teacher of the Year.
3. CCSD Bond Issue Volunteers: Paul discussed the bond issue (Issue 18) and the recent legislation that prohibits superintendents from lobbying to the communities to pass levies. He asked the BLRs to volunteer for two hours on a Saturday (April 22 or 29, 2023) to hang door knockers for the bond issue which he emphasized is not a new tax. Discussion followed.
4. Arthur Lard/STRS Board Election: Paul discussed the lack of STRS members who vote and recommended voting for Arthur Lard. Discussion followed.
5. Legislative Information: Paul discussed the education items put into the budget bill which is voted yea or nay for the whole bill (no line item vetoes; included is the voucher bill). Discussion followed.
6. Updates & Miscellaneous:
 - a. Paul spoke about the recent special leave day emails from central office. He explained the HR system and when permission is needed. followed.
 - b. Congratulations to Randy Bifulchi and Manny Halkias, and the five elected local NEA Delegates; Tina Bradley, Rita McMillen, May Alayamini, Kevin Princehorn, and Geneva Parker.

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Membership Appreciation Drawing (\$50 Gift Certificate for Tri-County Restaurant Association): **PK3:** Stacie Slay, Schreiber; Haley Howard, AIM **4-6:** Carrie Kirsch, Fairmount; Charlotte Clevenger, STEAMM **MS:**

Rhonda Walter, ECM; Karen Zutali, CMS **HS**: Todd Hoover, McKinley Downtown; Nour Kelly McKinley
Main

2. Spring Awards Banquet:

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE – Lynne reported that there are no Grievances at this time.
2. MEMBERSHIP – Tina Riley reported we have members 727 and 25 nonmembers.
3. LEGISLATIVE – no report
4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
5. SCHOLARSHIP – no report
6. PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE– no report
7. TEACHER WELFARE – no report
8. CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS – no report
9. PACE – no report
10. LPDC/INSERVICE – no report
11. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
12. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
13. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
14. RETIREES – Sandy Rosetta reported
15. ECOEA – Julieann encouraged everyone to check out the Summer Leadership Academy to be held June 21-23, 2023 and ECOEA Summer Sessions to be July 12 and 18th, 2023.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: Gift card raffle next fall for the collaborative PR fund will be held next autumn.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Paul asked for a motion for \$7000 for bond issue promotion. Sharen Lindenberg motioned to allocate up to \$7000 out of the collaborative PR fund to pay for cost of bond issue campaign. Dr. Geneva Parker seconded. Discussed followed. Motion passed.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Zutali
CPEA Secretary