

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

February 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Palomba called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team and Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on February 10, 2025 at 4:28 p.m.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members were in attendance:

Randy Bifolchi	Juliann Doerschuk	Darren Furno	Manny Halkias	Paul Palomba
Sandy Rosetta	Lynne Watson			

The following ELT members were not in attendance (*Denotes reported excused absence.): Karen Brank*, Sharen Lindberg*, Andrea McSherry*, Tina Riley*, Jen Schott*, Ruth Allison*, Geneva Parker*, Yvonne Scott*, Cheryl Bissmeyer*, Amanda Gillespie*, Brian Mishak*, Jen Eberle*, Jennifer Henderson*, Tracey Smith*, Michael Rossetti

III. CORRESPONDENCE – No report

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for February 2024-2025. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

1. 2100: Service agreement is in 10 payments with OEA; checks have not come in like past
- January's # is typical payment for this year
2. January is 3 payment month for officer expenses
3. 415 group has finished tax return
 - a. Darren signed and it will be filed electronic
 - b. Audit will be done after meeting to go over tax return

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. ELT Election - held this Spring
 - a. Sign up was passed around to run for a position on ELT
2. NEA Local Delegates -
 - a. Sign up was passed around to run as a delegate for the NEA Representative Assembly
 - b. Held in Portland, Oregon this year July 3rd - July 6th - Ohio Night on June 30th
 - c. Top 3 vote getters will be funded and top 5 vote getters will be elected
3. Legislative Updates -
 - a. Paul spoke about various concerns re: legislative actions
4. CCSD IMemo Re: Evaluation -
 - a. Paul reemphasized the language of the MOU re:evaluation language for those on last year of contracts

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. During last week at ELT Legislative Updates - Last week DEI was spoken about at ELT, many were unaware. Lynne spoke about who are the members of DEI committee; Dec '22 and Jan'23 - Hanover Research sent out an equity survey (600+ stakeholders responded); "You Belong" PD was given last spring (Spring '24) and Dec'24 additional sessions were offered; Talbert mentioned that this will be outlawed but we will continue work just not defining it as DEI; member questions were taken
2. Membership Appreciation Drawing (\$25 Giant Eagle Gift Card): **PK3**: Carol Minocchi (Harter); Bailey Jedel (Gibbs) **4-6**: Jordan Weaver (Fairmont); Athena Steed (Clarendon) **MS**: Tiffany Lea (Crenshaw); Brandon Cline (ECMS) **HS**: Karen Petrarca (McKinley); Jacob Blackiston (McKinley)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE – Lynne reported that there are no Grievances at this time.
2. MEMBERSHIP – Sandy Rosetta reported we have members and nonmembers.
3. LEGISLATIVE – Shared from District Leaders/Board Meeting
 - a. Senate Bill 1 - used to be Senate Bill 83 - Higher Ed Destruction Act; very concerned and harmful; lobbied points that were original taken out are now back in; NEED effort to stop this or change it - testimony will be happening next week; OEA GR 614-227-3056 if you want to send testimony or receive help
 - b. DeWine released the "blue book" for Budget Bill
 - b.i. Supports the Fair School Funding but using the fiscal cost from '22
 - b.ii. Proposes to phase out the guarantee of what districts are receiving (even if it goes down) (95% 1st year and then 90% 2nd year - would affect 100+ school districts)

- b.iii. Provides money for school bus safety grants, etc
 - b.iv. Be on the lookout for Senate Bill "Legislative Watch"
 - c. Senate Bill 1 - cannot use release time for lobbying purposes, etc
 - d. Senate Bill 19 - deals with Math improvement Plans (interested party)
 - e. Senate Bill 44 - John Peterson scholarship students would also get EdChoice
 - f. Senate Bill 68 - Would allow for ESA for non-charter and non-public to receive EdChoice dollars
- 4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
- 5. SCHOLARSHIP – no report
- 6. PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE– "Night at the Races" Updates
 - a. Alcohol is now being paid for through a donation
 - b. Due to an open bar now, the ticket cost will be \$50
 - c. Discussion ensured
- 7. TEACHER WELFARE – no report
- 8. CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS – no report
- 9. PACE – no report
- 10. LPDC/INSERVICE
 - a. A video will be pushed out on Friday re: outside PD activities
 - b. Must be uploaded in batches in 5-20 certificates/activities
- 11. RETIRED – Sandy Rosetta reported
- 12. UNISERV – no report
- 13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – Empty Lot Updates
- 14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
- 15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
- 16. ECOEA –
 - a. Juliann shared re: Quinn Scholarship opportunities for members and members children studying education
 - b. ECOEA Legislative Dinner is Friday, Feb 28th at LaPizzaria - please join!
- 17. GRANTS – no report

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliann Doerschuk for
Karen Zutali
CPEA Secretary