

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

April 9, 2024

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 April 9, 2024 at 4:08 p.m. Juliann Doerschuk motioned to accept the agenda with flexibility and Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members were in attendance:

Cheryl Bissmeyer	Tina Bradley	Karen Brank	Julieann Doerschuk	Jen Eberle
Darren Furno	Amanda Gillespie	Manny Halkias	Jennifer Henderson	Sharen Lindberg
Andrea McSherry	Brian Mishak	Paul Palomba	Geneva Parker	Tina Riley
Sandy Rosetta	Jen Schott	Tracey Smith	Paul Soska	Lynne Watson
Karen Zutali				

The following ELT members were not in attendance (*Denotes reported excused absence.): Randy Bifulchi, Marci Eakin*

Jen Eberle motioned to accept the secretary's report from the March meeting with corrections. Teri Lombardo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. CORRESPONDENCE – No report

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for March 2023-2024. Darren noted that some expenses from January and February were corrected. He commented that the budget looks good. Paul Soska made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jo Roten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Educator of the Year Presentations:

- a. David Anderson, English Teacher at McKinley High School: Kara Bernardo presented citing his memberships in numerous professional organizations, published work, leadership roles in the district and the high school, and his work with his colleagues to improve instruction for students. She read a student letter and a letter from Mr. Allan Brown endorsing David.
 - b. Sherry Buda, Intervention Specialist at AIM Academy: Paula Kliem, Melinda Airhart, and Laurie Vogt presented citing her professionalism and dedication to the students.
 - c. Mindy Engler, Librarian at McKinley High School: Cheryl Bissmeyer, Rita McMillin, and Jennifer Henderson presented citing her contributions and innovations to the McKinley Library, literacy for high school students, Channel 11 program, and Project Lit Leader.
 - d. Penni Jones, 2nd Grade Teacher at Cedar Elementary School: Chris Grady, Rhonda Tomocik, and Diana Vanacik citing her rapport and work with her students, their parents, her colleagues, and her leadership roles in the district. Ms Tomocik read recommendations from herself and Kim Kingsbury. Diana Vanacik read her recommendation of Ms Jones.
 - e. Dr. Geneva Parker, 5th Grade Teacher at Youtz Intermediate School: Yvonne Parks, Michelle Martin Jones, Karen Brank, Tracey Smith, Heather Fields, Constance Blanton, and Sherry Johnson, presented citing her dedication to the district's students, parents, and staff; her promotion of academics, her leadership roles in OEA, ECOEA, and CPEA, and her community work. A recommendation highlighting her servant leadership in the community and beyond by Scott DiMauro, OEA President, was read. A poem about her was read.
 - f. Paula Pedrotty, English Teacher at BVA 9-12: Jo Roten and Krista LaFay presented citing her integrity, involvement with students, parents, teachers, professionalism, and her leadership roles in the district.
 - g. The ELT and BLR voted Dr. Geneva Parker the CPEA Educator of the Year for 2024.
2. Layperson and Community Partnership Awards: Bill Sherer was nominated from the floor and elected CPEA Layperson of the Year. The Ironworkers Union was nominated from the floor and elected CPEA Community Partnership of the Year.
 3. Petition Signatures: Juliann Doerschuk explained the Citizens Not Politicians Petition to stop gerrymandering and asked members to sign the petition for a state constitutional amendment. Discussion followed.
 4. STRS Ballots: Paul discussed changes to STRS. He mentioned that OEA and board member Julie Sellers recommend voting for Michelle Flanagan to the board.

5. Legislative Updates: Paul discussed the issues facing public education, the funding of it, and legislative moves against it.

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Lynne read the top 5: Rita, May, Tina B, Julieann, Geneva
2. MS ELT: ELT Juliann Doerschuk and Jen Eberle
3. Membership Appreciation Drawing (\$50 Amazon Gift Card): **PK3**: Denise Stevic, AIM; Tiffany Morris, Belle Stone **4-6**: Carol Lane, Youtz; Melissa Snyder; Fairmount **MS**: Elizabeth Pratt, Crenshaw; Andrea Granchi, Crenshaw **HS**: Dimitri Holston-Miles, McKinley Main; Samantha Teter, ECHS@Lehman
4. Reminder that the Spring Banquet will be held May 13, 2024 at La Pizzeria.
5. Reminder that is important to read the HR Weekly Newsletter.
6. Teacher Injury: Fill out an incident report from the nurse or building secretary. Notify the principal. Send the report to Andria Michael. If it is an emergency, go to the emergency. If not, go to Aultworks with the paperwork (incident report) filled out prior to going.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE – Lynne reported that there are no Grievances at this time.
2. MEMBERSHIP – Sandy Rosetta reported we have 717 members and 17 nonmembers.
3. LEGISLATIVE – no report
4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
5. SCHOLARSHIP – Sharen explained the gas raffle is in lieu of Night at the Races. She explained ticket sales and when the drawing will occur.
6. PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE– no report
7. TEACHER WELFARE – Jennifer Henderson commented on the the Dave and Buster's new teacher event, stating the event went well though several who RSVPed did not attend.
8. CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS – no report
9. PACE – no report
10. LPDC/INSERVICE – no report
11. RETIRED – no report
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
16. ECOEA – Julieann shared the NEOEA bowling event is this Friday. Everyone is welcome.
17. GRANTS – Amanda Gillespie reported that a grant was secured to treat teacher's during teacher appreciation week with \$5 per member being available.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion from the floor was made by Paul Soska to donate \$1000.00 to the Bulldog Games. Juliann Doerschuk seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Paul recommended that Mayor Bill Sherer be nominated the CPEA layperson of the year award for 2024. Brian Mishak motioned that Bill Sherer be layperson of the year. Rita McMillin seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Jen Eberle motioned the Ironworkers be the community partnership award for 2024. Andrea McSherry seconded. Motioned passed.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Michelle Martin Jones and explained voting options and procedures for STRS.

Voting for NEA delegates: Geneva stressed voting for CPEA members.

Rita McMillin asked that members take a poster to hang in their buildings.

Paul P. distributed copies the book "The Cloud Factory" donated by the author to the PK3 schools.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Dave Schmidt motioned to adjourn. Rita McMillin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Zutali
CPEA Secretary