CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Palomba called the Executive Leadership Team and Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association meeting to order on 9/14/26 at 4:30 p.m.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members in **black** were in attendance:
The following ELT members in red were not in attendance:

1. Paul Palomba- 2. Lynne Watson- 3. Amanda Gillespie- 4. Darren Furno- 5. Karen Brank- 6. Sharen Lindberg- 7. Andrea McSherry- 8. Jennifer Schott- 9. Ann Cochrane- 10. Cheryl Bissmeyer- 11. Juliann Doerschuk- 12. Joslin Shaffer-	13. Randy Bifolchi- 14. Jen Eberle- 15. Manny Halkias- 16. Jennifer Henderson- 17. Greg Soper- 18. Sandy Rosetta- 19. Cherie Johnson-Clark- 20. Michelle Martin Jones- 21. Dimitri Holston-Miles- 22. Jill Rowland- 23. G. Michael Watson-

Did You Know? Stark Voices for Public Ed is a new group on TikTok (@stark4publiced), Instagram (StarkVoicesforPublicEd), Facebook, and Threads advocating for fairness in public education. See Allie Childress for more information.

III. CORRESPONDENCE –

- **a.** Thank you from CCS Board of Ed for our $1,000 donation to Bulldog Games.
- **b.** Thank you from Early Childhood Resource Center for sponsoring the golf outing.
- **c.** Thank you from Adalyn Hoskins for the scholarship.
- **d.** Thank you from Kristin Kliem Parsons for the dinner and gift at LaPizzaria.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported on last year's and the tentative proposed budget for 26-27. On the expense side, special projects were over budget; office supplies were over budget due to the push for Amy Acton and the election stuff. On the income side, in the miscellaneous section is the profit from selling the property. Once he hears back from the tax person, he'll sort that income appropriately.

Darren spoke on the changes to the proposed budget for 26-27 and the rationale for those changes. Darren included a list of all the sponsors that we approve annually, which is found on the side of the report.

Darren answered questions about the proposed budget.

Nichole Kosenski moved to approve the proposed budget. Manny Halkias seconded the motion. A vote was held. Motion passed.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Election and Committee Opportunities
    a. Paul asked members to commit to at least one.
    b. Rita spoke about the member organizing calendar that went out via email. The Vivek social media storms are starting again. K.Allison is updating on Tuesdays and is asking for a social media storm as well. If you are interested in promoting Amy Acton, there is a training coming up. Thomas West needs help with phone banking on the 21st at 4:30pm. Please wear a public ed shirt on Fridays until the election.
    c. Bowling event went out today for Oct 11th. Please reserve your spot for $30 to get back when in attendance. BLRs organize funds and give two gift cards for the raffle, delivered by October 1.
    d. Allie spoke about Ballot Bootcamp. She spoke about her time as a teacher in North Carolina. Allie and Joselyn presented slides to members about the primary election and the upcoming election.
    e. Oct 6th, 7 p.m., second Ballot Bootcamp with Karen Porter D.

2. Membership
    a. Darren spoke about how OEA is communicating who has signed up for Autopay and how the spreadsheet was created. He explained what BLRs need to do to verify the list's accuracy. If you have issues with the spreadsheet, email the CPEA office.
    b. Paul spoke about the importance of the BLR checking on members to ensure membership sign-up. He explained how much money NEA spends to fight anti-public ed, and what happens in states without teacher unions. Paul shared that Vivek is looking to onboard Andrew Brenner. A discussion ensued.

3. Miscellaneous
    a. Paul spoke to the members about the reality of gerrymandering and which candidates win by popular vote. Manny encouraged members to motivate 5-10 others to encourage voting through personal connections. Joselyn added that SARTA will run routes all day on election day. Cheryl shared that she likes the SARTA analogy as a conversation starter.
    b. Paul spoke about property taxes.
    c. Check your emails and follow candidates on social media.

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. OEA Delegate sign-up sheet was passed around.
2. 10 people: NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner; you get back your $100 check if you show. We will sponsor them with $1,000.
3. Lynne urges BLR to set a schedule to meet with principals this year.
4. Stipends were passed out for union paperwork.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE – no report
2. MEMBERSHIP – see above.
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/IN-SERVICE – Reminder: LPDC requests that you submit at least 5, but no more than 20, PD certificates totaling at least 20 clock hours. Link to LPDC One Stop Website: https://sites.google.com/ccsdistrict.org/ccsdslpdc/dashboard
11. RETIRED – Sandy Rosetta reported
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
16. ECOEA –Juliann shared

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Gillespie
CPEA Secretary