

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Date 12 /8/2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Lynne Watson called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team and the Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on 12/8/25 at 4:30 p.m.

Rita McMillen motioned to accept the agenda as written, and Manny Halkias seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members in **black** were in attendance:

The following ELT members in **red** were not in attendance (*Denotes reported excused absence.):

1. Paul Palomba*	11. Ann Cochrane
2. Lynne Watson	12. Cheryl Bissmeyer
3. Amanda Gillespie	13. Juliann Doerschuk
4. Darren Furno	14. Joslin Shaffer
5. Karen Brank	15. Randy Bifulchi
6. Sharen Lindberg	16. Jen Eberle
7. Andrea McSherry	17. Manny Halkias
8. Jennifer Schott	18. Jennifer Henderson
9. Ruth Allison	19. Greg Soper
10. Yvonne Scott	20. Sandy Rosetta

III. CORRESPONDENCE –

- ECOEA awarded us a \$500 grant for Public Relations for the MAC Committee.
- Connie Blanton sent a card thanking us for the condolences during her father's passing.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for November 2025. We received our first OEA operating grant this month.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- none

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Board meeting tonight:
 - The superintendent will be speaking at the board meeting about our future with the budget cuts. He held a meeting with Worley, Bellestone, and Youtz. Bellestone is closing. He will speak tonight about the new boundaries set that will determine who attends Worley, Youtz, and Gibbs. No word yet on Harter Elementary. Early Childhood is not closing. Worley/Cedar will become an admin building; we will find out tonight.
 - All are encouraged to attend the board meeting tonight.
- Light up Downtown: 10 of us attended. We purchased a bus prop. Lynne shared how successful our first MAC event was. Andrea shared how nice it was to connect with the students. Manny shared how nice it was to communicate with parents.
- Talbert has had a knee replacement; as a result, the union has not met with him for a few weeks. Those will pick up once he is finished with physical therapy.
- OEA RA was this weekend. Lynne and Juliann shared updates. CEA brought a new business item to put together a ballot initiative to protect collective bargaining rights. There's concern that we do not have enough time to collect the signatures required. We also know that if we try and fail, this can lead to retribution, as seen in Michigan. It was shared how this is connected to SB5. We are encouraged to be active as public education is under attack. The governor's race is critical. Michelle Martin-Jones suggests that we have talking points to guide reps when talking to members at their buildings. Others suggested that we host a large district meeting to share this information and build momentum. Manny shares that it is incumbent upon us to become well-versed in these talking points and take this role seriously. Lynne urges us to go to the OEA site frequently to stay informed. It was suggested that we hold a meeting on January 12th. Lynne will check on that.

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5. Membership Appreciation Drawing :

- a. **PK3:** Jordan Gerber, AIM. Barbara Thewes, Patrick.
- b. **4-6:** Robert Richmond, Patrick. Tonya McKay, Patrick.
- c. **MS:** Caileigh Wilgus, Crenshaw. John Roncone, STEAMM.
- d. **HS:** Chad Anderson, McK. Julie Thoma, Choices..

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. **GRIEVANCE** – none
- 2. **MEMBERSHIP** – Sandy Rosetta reported we have 651 members and 35 nonmembers, with many of those FMLA.
- 3. **LEGISLATIVE** – Greg shared a recent video of Ramaswamy bashing public education. A discussion ensued.
- 4. **NEGOTIATIONS** – no report
- 5. **SCHOLARSHIP** – no report
- 6. **PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE**– no report.
- 7. **TEACHER WELFARE** – Sharen shared that Saturday is the CPEA Christmas Party with 67 children and 62 adults attending. Sharen has the sign-up sheet from before, and she shared the names of those who signed up. 12 National Honor Society students will be there to help with crafts and set up. Sharen could use help with the setup on Friday.
- 8. **CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS** – no report
- 9. **PACE** – no report
- 10. **LPDC/TN-SERVICE** – Rita shared that the subsequent meetings will be on the 15th and 29th. She will share the minutes on the website moving forward.
- 11. **RETIRED** – no report
- 12. **UNISERV** – no report
- 13. **BUILDING AND FACILITIES** – no report
- 14. **MAC COMMITTEE** – The MAC team held its first event at Light Up Downtown, and it was positive.
- 15. **AUDIT COMMITTEE** – no report
- 16. **ECOEIA** – Juliann shared that the Winter workshop on the 31st is virtual, all about retirement, NEA benefits, and the perks of getting your Master's. The newsletter in your email also had a ton of information.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- IX. NEW BUSINESS:** A conversation about the building temperatures ensued. Principals need to make the first phone call. If maintenance has come out, Lynne needs to know what maintenance has said so she can meet with Jason.

- X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Two families are left on the list for Christmas if anyone is interested.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Gillespie
CPEA Secretary