

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 9/8/26 at 4:37 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-	13. Randy Bifulchi-
2. Lynne Watson-	14. Jen Eberle-
3. Amanda Gillespie-	15. Manny Halkias-
4. Darren Furno-	16. Jennifer Henderson-
5. Karen Brank-	17. Greg Soper-
6. Sharen Lindberg-	18. Sandy Rosetta-
7. Andrea McSherry-	19. Cherie Johnson-Clark-
8. Jennifer Schott-	20. Michelle Martin Jones-
9. Ann Cochrane-	21. Dimitri Holston-Miles-
10. Cheryl Bissmeyer-	22. Jill Rowland-
11. Juliann Doerschuk-	23. G. Michael Watson-
12. Joslin Shaffer-	

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE –

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the tentative proposed budget for 2026-2027

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Paul welcomed the ELT to the 26-27 school year. He discussed the current political climate and the importance of the upcoming election. Paul referenced Honesty Ohio as an example of groups popping up who are fed up with what is happening. Greg shared a reminder of what negotiations were like during SB5. Manny shared a positive experience while working the Democratic booth during the Stark Co. Fair. Paul cautioned that we cannot rest until after the election.

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2. OEA Delegate Sign-Up: Paul shared information on what happens at these OEA delegate meetings and encouraged sign-ups. 12/5, 5/15
3. Goals
4. Events:
 - a. NAACP dinner, 4 tickets, black tie fundraiser
 - b. September 23rd Liberty dinner, 8 tickets
 - c. 9/13 12- 2 pm Get to know your Candidate, Diamond Park
 - d. 9/17 6:30-8p Timken Career Auditorium, Political information event
 - e. 9/19 10 am Krista Allison
 - f. Oct 8th Policy Matters Panel, Silk Auditorium, Stark State
 - g. Oct 6th Ballot Bootcamp at CPEA 7pm
 - h. Oct 11 CPEA Bowling fundraiser for OEA Fund for political donations
 - i.

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Committee Assignments: Lynne shared that we will focus on a few events this year and that all ELT need to participate in at least one. Lynne stressed that we can no longer show up to ELT and not participate in the extra.
 - a. **Election Organizing Committee: ALL ELT.** There will be dates for postcard writing, among other things. Order more T-shirts, smaller size.
 - b. Teacher Welfare: ALL ELT
 - c. Watch Party: ALL ELT
 - d. **Christmas Party:**
 - e. **Night out at the Races:**
 - e.i. **Pick a date/time, get the church**
 - f. Constitution and elections: Needs to be formal and official, ratified by OEA. Juliann recommends having that done and in OEA hands before Oct 12th.
 - g. Audit: Need a date, release day. We haven't had an audit in a while
 - h. MAC: Spring.
 - i. Negotiations: Paul spoke about negotiations this year. Sharon shared that we need to create a survey. She also shared that some use Everything Education vouchers for non-school stuff. Cherie shared that Everything Education is expensive. Paul spoke about our pickup on the pickup for STRS. The district pays 17%, and members pay 11%. Other districts: it's 14% and 14%.
 - j. Scholarship committee: All 5 will create a rubric. Darren suggested creating a plan for if a winning candidate earns a full-ride scholarship.
 - k. Public Relations/Website: We sold the parking lot, but we get to use it. If we need to use it during the day, we can take it over twice a year.
 - l. Retirement: will likely have 35 retirees this year.

Nick Morris visited to speak to the members. He is running for Ohio State Rep District 48. www.picknickforohio.com. Nick taught high school for 5 years at St. Thomas and Jackson. He also worked at Stark Parks, where he continued to work alongside schools. He taught at Walsh.

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He has a PhD from Kent State. He worked at the University of Arizona. He is currently a director at Walsh University. Lives outside of Louisville. Small farm, wife, two kids. He's running because he was frustrated by the lack of professionalism in the candidates.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE –
2. MEMBERSHIP –
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. Email Bernetta Harrell-Snell with questions. Link to LPDC One Stop Website: <https://sites.google.com/ccsdistrict.org/ccsdsldpc/dashboard>
11. RETIRED –
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
16. ECOEA –Juliann reported

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Gillespie
CPEA Secretary