

**Community Schools Advisory Board (CSAB) Meeting  
Yellow IRC, Brockton High School  
January 13, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Faye McKinnon, Tracey Pomfret, Shaynah Barnes, Amy Winston, Winique Green, Chris Doherty, Brett Gormley, Adrienne Pully, Lisa Plant, Joe Moses, James Cobbs, and Melisa Castelo

**ABSENT:** Julianne Andrade, Sheila Mullaney, Jen Bassett, James DiNitto, Janice Johnson-Plumer, Jenna Shanks, Jean Mech,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maxine Richardson, Heather Arrighi and Skip Graziano

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Schools Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in the Yellow IRC at Brockton High School. Faye McKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. A quorum was present and the following matters were discussed.

**WELCOME** Faye McKinnon asked those in attendance if they had reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2015.

**ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 14, 2015 CSAB MINUTES** IT WAS MOVED BY TRACEY POMFRET AND SECONDED BY WINIQUE GREEN TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2015 MEETING.

**WELCOME TO NEW CSAB MEMEBERS** Maxine welcomed new members and had them speak a little about themselves. Melisa Castelo is the new Representative from West Middle School, Brett Gormley and Lisa Plant are the new School Committee representatives to the Board, and Shaynah Barnes will be staying on as the City Council Representative.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR** Faye McKinnon addressed the need of a new Chair to the CSAB to replace Jean Mech. There was a brief description of some of the duties of the Chair, including help in the planning of Summerfest. Winique Green said she was interested, and the Board unanimously accepted.

**REVIEW OF BYLAWS** Maxine Richardson spoke about the need to review the bylaws and see if any updates need to be made.

**21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY GRANTS** Heather Arrighi spoke about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs currently taking place at the Baker, Arnone and the George where close to 300 students are participating in grant funded after school programs. North Middle School was not re-funded this time, but there had been enough funds available to run an abbreviated program until December 31<sup>st</sup>. New funds are not readily available at the state level. The Raymond School has now begun the Extended Learning Time Grant, which runs similar to the Huntington School. Faye McKinnon added that it is difficult to get funding once it dries up. The match from the school budget has now been cut as well. The Kennedy does offer some fee based programs. Maxine Richardson stated that when she started in

Community Schools there were enough funds available to run programs in every school.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Shayna Barnes spoke about attending the Youth Violence Prevention Event at West Middle School that was presented by the US Attorney General Carmen Ortiz in conjunction with the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the Brockton Public Schools.

The Paine School is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Adult Learning Center is looking for ideas to do a celebration in the spring and next year. Maxine mentioned that there had been a kick off 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with a staff and student cleanup day both outside and inside.

Dr. Cobbs from the Edison Academy spoke about College and Career night. Dr. Cobbs also spoke about the history of the Edison Academy, how it had started as Community Schools Night School Program and grew into its own school. This is not a behavior school, it is for students that are non-traditional students. The age range is typically 16-50. This is not a GED program, these students must pass the MCAS in order to earn a diploma. There are some part time students who pay for classes. Students who come to us from other towns are fee based. There is a counseling staff to deal with the specific needs of these students. Dr. Cobbs is going to have an OSHA safety course class beginning February 22, 2016. Dr. Cobbs is looking to expand science due to the on-going struggles students are having with passing the biology portion of the MCAS. They will also be requiring students to serve 40 hours of community service.

## PROGRAMS

Community Schools Basketball program is continuing along with games at the George, West and East Middle Schools, and the clinics at the George school every Saturday. Not as many girls are participating in the program as in past years. Chris Doherty suggested that we try reaching out to the Middle Schools to try and increase the participation.

Amy Winston suggested offering classes to students in non-athletic areas such as writing and art. Perhaps they could be a fee program and we could offer parents the option to sponsor a child whose family couldn't afford to pay. Shayna Barnes also suggested sewing, fashion, cooking, robotics, engineering, and ceramics in addition to a class that could be a confidence builder. Chris Doherty suggested a coding class, such as "code.org" "scratch.mit.edu." or "hourofcode.com". Another suggestion is a Debate team where the students would learn to gather information and speak in public.

We are hoping to get the new Indian Cooking class up and running.

The Community Schools Office still encourages online registrations. Customers who register online receive a \$10 discount!

## EXTENDED DAY

Extended Day is ongoing, running in 12 schools this year. The numbers continue to grow, as the program thrives and the state writes more vouchers.

IT WAS MOVED BY SKIP GRAZIANO AND SECONDED BY  
ADRIENNE PULLEY TO ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

Melisa Castelo was the winner of this month's drawing.  
Congratulations!