

**Community Schools Advisory Board (CSAB) Meeting  
Red IRC, Brockton High School  
January 8, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Michael Healy, Judy Sullivan, Julianne Andrade, Deb Beane, Chris Doherty, Perrette Durandis, Joseph Moses, Sheila Mullaney, Iva Andrade, Paul Branco, Jim DiNitto, Faye McKinnon, Kim Pelland, Adrienne Pulley, Roody Herold and Maria Wilson-Sepulveda

**ABSENT:** Jean Mech, Jass Stewart, Betzaida Riviera, Jenna Giannaros, Janice Johnson-Plumer, Tracey Pomfret, Joanna Silverman and Michelle Zachary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maxine Richardson, Janice and Bill Beyer, Skip Graziano, Ossie Jordan and Alison Santoro

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Schools Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the Red IRC at Brockton High School. Faye McKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. A quorum was present and the following matters were discussed.

**WELCOME** Faye McKinnon called the meeting to order. Maxine Richardson thanked Faye for filling in for Jean Mech who was unable to attend due to illness.

**ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 11, 2013 MINUTES** IT WAS MOVED BY DEB BEANE AND SECONDED BY ADRIENNE PULLEY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 MONTHLY MEETING

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT MOTION, UNANIMOUS**

**EDISON ACADEMY/ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM UPDATE** Registration for the Spring Trimester will be on Monday, February 3 & Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at Brockton High School in the Green Cafeteria from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The end of the trimester is a little later than usual as they would like for the students to receive their grades before registration was closed.

**CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATE** Maxine Richardson stated that this program is a work in progress. The program instructor Nate Karahalas, who has studied at Longy School of Music of Bard College, has a lot of interesting ideas and is working with Laurie Silva on obtaining grants and also working with the Brockton Symphony to rejuvenate this program.

**DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE** Supervisor James McSherry and Driving Instructor Paul Branco provided members with a power point presentation and handouts outlining the Driver Education program. Supervisor Eric Brunelle is teaching one of the mandatory program components, the parent class, this evening and could not be in attendance. James McSherry spoke of the Community Schools Driver Education anti-texting message, "Hang it up before you buckle up." In summarizing the program he presented the three major components; Classroom, On the Road Driving and Anti Texting Campaign and where the direction of the program is going to go. He also spoke of the support with the RMV and a strict keeping to the program standards with the department and the state. The \$50.00 discount that students receive on the classroom for obtaining honor roll status is a great incentive for the students and he believes that it has in part contributed to the 33% increase in enrollments. Schedule2drive.com is the host of the On the Road Driving component of the program. There has been a 100% passing rate of students taking the driving test who utilize the Driver Education car and driving

instructor for their license. He also spoke of the support from Bernardi Hyundai and the donation of a vehicle for the program. Jennifer Tobey Alvarez designed the mascot for the anti-texting campaign. A text free driving pledge between parents and their child is a goal Jim would like to accomplish. Thumb bands or wristbands will be given as a reward to those who take the pledge. Driver Education classroom night classes are being considered as well as a second daytime summer class. They will be reaching out to students in other communities to increase enrollment. Jim would also like to have t-shirts made with the anti-texting mascot on the back. Perette Durandis asked if there were payment plans available. Faye McKinnon inquired about ESL students. Maxine Richardson spoke of the idea of having videos produced promoting the anti-texting campaign made by students to be shown on the television monitors at Brockton High School.

#### EXPRESSWAYS TO ENGLISH PROGRAM UPDATE

Registration for this program will be on Monday, January 13, 2014 at Brockton High School in the green cafeteria from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Maxine Richardson stated that this is a stable program and is an option for those who do not want to be put on the waitlist for the classes at the Adult Learning Center.

#### YOUTH SWIM PROGRAM UPDATES

Registrations for these programs are ongoing. Classes began in December. Prices will be prorated for new registrations so that as many students as possible will participate.

#### WINTER 2014 INTERSESSION PROGRAMS UPDATE

Yoga at Plouffe Middle School with Lees Yunits and Bootcamp at the Hancock School with Diane Sullivan are being offered to adults during the winter 2014 intersession.

#### EXTENDED DAY VACATION/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE UPDATE

Alison Santoro summarized the attendance and activities the students participated in during the Christmas break at the Angelo school. Discussion is taking place to have a school site that would be open to accommodate currently enrolled students to attend for prolonged school closures. Alison will be meeting with Ken Thompson and Mike Thomas to discuss the idea further. Ossie Jordan suggested that some type of bus transportation be offered for students as the school bus drivers are paid for snow days

#### NEW BUSINESS

Maxine Richardson introduced incoming School Committee Representative Judy Sullivan to the CSAB. Judy has been active in the Brockton Public Schools and is a past Albert N. Baroncelli Award recipient.

Maxine also stated that all CSAB members are invited to the Superintendent's Transition Team Reception on February 12, 2014 in lieu of February's meeting. It will be held in the Fine Arts Lobby at Brockton High School at 6:30 pm.

Michael Healy spoke of being in contact with the Boston Bruins Foundation who is doing an initiative whereby they have teamed up with MIT and are working with districts on STEM initiatives. This will support the new PARCC testing. Funding may be provided towards additional after school programs. He also spoke about the Boston Scholar athlete program.

Faye McKinnon was the winner of this month's drawing.  
Congratulations!

IT WAS MOVED BY ADRIENNE PULLEY AND SECONDED BY  
PAUL BRANCO TO ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM