

CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 25, 2010

Notes by Anne Irza-Leggat

Carlisle voted overwhelmingly for the CCHS feasibility study (3 to 1). Concord's vote will be on June 8. The CCHS Building Project continues to work closely with MSBA. At this point the number being used for projected enrollment is 1250. This is higher than MSBA forecast but based on Concord and Carlisle's experience with enrollment growth the case has been made to go with this higher number.

Recognition of those who ran the CCHS Japan Trip for 90 members of the Band:
Al Dentino, Tom Curtin, David Nurenberg
And chaperones: Peter Badalament, Brian Stark, Joe McCarthy, Dan Simone, Jane-Sarah MacFarlane, Beatriz DesLoges, Sophia Rovitti

Student Johanna Glazer gave a presentation on Junior State Trip – a student run debate organization.

English Teacher, David Nurenburg, gave a presentation on Turkmenistan Educator Exchange sponsored by the US State Department. The exchange of "Educational Best Practices" and cultural information was an invaluable experience for all and has inspired Mr. Nurenburg to invite two Turkmenistan students to visit CCHS in Fall 2010 and to bring 3-4 CCHS students (or recent graduates) to visit Balkanabat, Turkmenistan in February 2011. Mr. Nurenburg described the extremely close links between school and community there and gave as an example a discussion on bullying. The problem was one described by the US teachers and it took a fair amount of explaining to the Turkmenistan teachers who said they rarely had this trouble with their students. One answered, "there was one time a boy threw snow in a girl's face and made her cry a few years ago. We had his parents in to talk about it. We haven't had any problems like that since then."

Two other foreign exchange students, one from Romania and one from Iceland, were approved to attend CCHS by the committee.

There was a vote to approve varsity softball overnight trip.

Gift Acceptance – \$500 worth of math materials from Didax to Willard School for participating as a filming location for the Kathy Richardson [Math] Assessment. Math Curriculum Specialist, Laurie Penney, was filmed using the materials with students and this video will be used to teach other teachers how to use the materials.

Gift Acceptance – Donation of IPAD to Alcott

Diana Rigby thanked Peter Badalament on the community response to the CCHS tragedy. Individual students have been offered counseling, Deborah Garfield of the Eliot Mental Health Center at Emerson will provide services through the summer, Dr. Berkowitz is

working with faculty to identify kids in need, and 80 parents attended a meeting on dealing with this sort of trauma. Peter noted that this will have repercussions for “years to come.”

The first School Committee meeting of the 2010-2011 School year will probably be Tuesday, August 24 in the CCHS library. At this meeting they will go over rules and responsibilities of School Committees and Administrations. It will be run by Jim Hardy, Field Rep. for the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. This is an open meeting.

For those who are interested in budgeting issues, Finance Director, Tony Logalbo, will meet with the Finance Committee on August 5th at the Town House at 7:30 to go over Concord’s finances. This is also an open meeting.