

Present: Tracey Marano, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Alexa Anderson, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Carrie Rankin, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Sharon Whitt, Vice Chair, CCSC
Sara Wilson, CCSC
Ayesha Lawton, CPS METCO Rep
Domingos DaRosa, CCRSD METCO Rep

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Robert Conry, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kristen Anderson, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Marano called the CCSC meeting to order at 5:32 PM and Ms. Anderson then called the CSC meeting to order.

II. CCHS STUDENT UPDATE

CCHS Student Reps Harry Crowley, Felicity Zhang and Zariah Alves provided updates from CCHS: The Spectrum Club organized a walkout day for Trans Day of Visibility on Friday, CCHS Performing Arts earned 4 gold medals at MICCA over the weekend, the Green Team held “mini fairs” during lunch, there was an ocean conservation theme in the learning commons, there was a Ruettgers Lecture on endangered species, games have begun for spring sports, the MVP Club was hosting activities for sexual assault awareness month this week, they are in the midst of the search process for the new Choral Director, it is the end of Quarter 3 and everyone is looking forward to break.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. 2/28/23. A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Ms. Whitt, to approve the meeting minutes from 2/28/23. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. 3/8/23 (CSC). A motion was made by Ms. Marano, seconded by Ms. Rankin, to approve the meeting minutes from 3/8/23. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Marano stated that CCSC received one piece of correspondence regarding safety concerns at CCHS and the lack of cell service. Ms. Anderson stated that CSC received no correspondence.

VI. DISCUSSION

A. FY23 CCRSD Quarterly Budget Update. Mr. Conry reviewed the quarterly FY23 budget level report by 1000 level. He stated that technology purchases were held back until the end of the year, noting that most tech spending would happen in Q4. He stated that this would significantly draw down the technology balance. He stated that transportation and athletics balances would be spent down as well. Mr. Conry noted the fixed charge of a \$550,000 OPEB contribution that the region would be making. He stated that the region was slightly over budget in the out of district tuition line, noting that they would look for offsets. He stated that the region was overall in good shape.

A motion was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Rainey, to approve the cost center transfers at the 1000 level, as presented. Ms. Marano stated that she was taken by surprise by this vote, and that the SC had not agreed upon voting transfers. Mr. Booth stated that Ms. Novak from MASC had recommended it. After discussion, Mr. Booth withdrew his motion, but stated that he would like this on the next agenda.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Milly Arbaje-Thomas METCO President and CEO. Ms. Arbaje-Thomas thanked everyone for having her at the meeting and commended the district for all of the work its doing on integration. She reviewed the communities involved in the METCO program, the mission of the program, student demographics, SY23 Concord student demographics, funding of the METCO program, the role of METCO headquarters, supports for METCO students and families, community partnerships, state funding, METCO 2.0 vision, and the theory of change. Ms. Arbaje-Thomas spoke about how METCO families can now choose up to three communities they want their child to attend, noting that METCO takes into account if the parents are alumni of the school or have a relationship with the school. She spoke about doing a METCO blueprint of best practices.

B. METCO Directors Update. CPS METCO Director Felicia Pasley and CCHS METCO Director Deb Jemison presented on the METCO program at CPS and CCHS. They shared several of their affiliations and involvement within the districts and within METCO Inc., the METCO staffing models at CPS and CCHS, and the roles of the tutor/bus monitors, adjustment counselors and academic liaisons. Ms. Pasley and Ms. Jemison provided academic overviews of the elementary, middle, and high school METCO students and shared all of the events/clubs that the METCO students were engaged in. They provided an overview of the transportation at all levels and a look ahead at what is coming up for METCO. Ms. Pasley stated that they are looking at revamping the Friends and Family program next year, noting that many people in the community are reaching out and showing interest in supporting the program.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Akia Obas, Concord parent and METCO alum. Ms. Obas stated that it would be great to get transparency around the METCO budget and how the money is spent, noting that it would be helpful to find out how parents could advocate for certain resources. Regarding the YRBS, she asked how the survey was structured, asking how they can ensure there were no implicit biases included.

2. Erin Fife, 174 Hill Street, Concord MA. Ms. Fife stated that she liked Ms. Arbaje-Thomas's idea about bringing METCO 101 information to the community and she echoed Ms. Obas's comment regarding the METCO budget.

3. Elizabeth Frank, 1283 Elm Street, Concord MA. Ms. Frank suggested that the District champion and celebrate the METCO program, noting that she'd love to see all of the elementary schools participate in the program.

VI. DISCUSSION, contd.

B. First Reading School Committee Policies. Ms. Rankin reviewed the policies discussed at the previous Policy meeting:

EBC-S (Supplemental) – General (Interim) Policy on COVID-Related Issues: Recommendation was to remove policy.

CBI – Evaluation of the Superintendent: Recommendation was to adopt MASC version.

KLG – Relations with Police Authorities: Recommendation was to mark reviewed with new date.

KLJ – Relations with Planning Authorities: Recommendation was to mark reviewed with new date.

KLK – Relations with Local Governmental Authorities: Recommendation was to mark reviewed with new date.

LA – Education Agency Relations Goals: Recommendation was to mark reviewed with new date.

LB – Relations with other Schools and School Districts: Recommendation was to mark reviewed with new date.

LBC – Relations with Nonpublic Schools: Recommendation was to adopt MASC version.

LDA – Student Teaching and Internships: In regards of this going through the SC, Ms. Presser told Ms. Rankin that in some instances, financial arrangements might be involved. Recommendation was to mark reviewed with new date.

IX. ADJOURNMENT CCSC

The CCSC meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

X. DISCUSSION

A. CPS FY23 Quarterly Budget Update. Ms. Anderson recommended postponing the update to the April 25th agenda in light of the fact that the SC was going to look at how quarterly transfers were approved.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote on Superintendent’s Recommendation regarding 7th grade ELA instructional materials. A motion was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Rainey, to maintain the book Ivy Aberdeen in the 7th grade ELA curriculum. The motion was unanimously approved.

XII. ADJOURNMENT CSC

The CSC meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 5.9.23

Abbreviations:

CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CCTA	Concord-Carlisle Teachers’ Association
CEF	Concord Education Fund
CMS	Concord Middle School
CMSBC	Concord Middle School Building Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CSC	Concord School Committee
CTA	Concord Teachers Association
DEIB	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
DHCB	Department of Housing and Community Development
ESSER	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
FINCOM	Finance Committee
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports
PD	Professional Development
SC	School Committee
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey