

**Community Schools Advisory Board (CSAB) Meeting  
Red IRC, Brockton High School  
March 12, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Jean Mech, Judy Sullivan, Deb Beane, Chris Doherty, Joseph Moses, Sheila Mullaney, Iva Andrade, Paul Branco, Roody Herold, Janice Johnson-Plumer, Faye McKinnon, Tracey Pomfret, Joanna Silverman, Maria Wilson-Sepulveda and Michelle Zachary

**ABSENT:** Shayna Barnes, Julianne Andrade, Jim DiNitto, Perrette Durandis, Jenna Giannaros, Kim Pelland, Adrienne Pulley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maxine Richardson, Skip Graziano, Ossie Jordan, Suzanne Martin, Alison Santoro and Michael Thomas, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Schools Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in the Red IRC at Brockton High School. Jean Mech called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. A quorum was present and the following matters were discussed.

**WELCOME** Jean Mech called the meeting to order. She asked if members had reviewed the January 8, 2014 minutes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 8, 2014 MINUTES** IT WAS MOVED BY DEB BEANE AND SECONDED BY OSSIE JORDAN TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2014 MONTHLY MEETING

VOTED: TO ACCEPT MOTION, UNANIMOUS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND VOTING** Following the Community Schools Bylaw's, two members, one At-Large member and one general member, will be selected by volunteering/nominating, to the Community Schools Executive Committee. Maxine Richardson explained the responsibilities of the roles the members would play on this committee. Sheila Mullaney, volunteered as the At-Large member.

IT WAS MOVED BY TRACEY POMFRET AND SECONDED BY OSSIE JORDAN TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF SHEILA MULANEY TO BE THE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CSAB.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT MOTION, UNANIMOUS

Maria Wilson-Sepulveda, Hancock School representative and Janice Johnson-Plumer, Davis School representative both volunteered to be the general member. It was suggested that both members be on the committee. According to Roberts Rules, any update needs to be presented to members prior to a change to the bylaws. Ossie Jordan recommended that there be an alternate selected who will also attend the meetings so as to be up to date. At this time Janice volunteered to be the alternate member.

IT WAS MOVED BY OSSIE JORDAN AND SECONDED BY JOSEPH MOSES TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF MARIA WILSON-SEPULVEDA TO BE THE GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE AND JANICE JOHNSON-PLUMBER TO BE THE ALTERNATE GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CSAB.

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PROGRAM UPDATES The spring 2014 Enrichment & Recreation programs are just beginning this week. A new 6 week program, Line Dancing, is being held at The Kennedy School. Other programs such as Auto Repair, Woodworking and several others are being held at BHS. Registrations are ongoing.

The Expressways to English program is going very well. The instructors are accommodating a new group of learners this year that are between beginner and intermediate. They are differentiating instruction to meet the needs of the group.

The winter 2013-2014 sessions of the Youth Swimming and Diving and the Advanced Youth Swimming and Diving are finishing up the season and will begin the spring session on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The spring 2014 session of the SNAP program began on March 8, 2014. This winter the programs experienced a number of snow days hence the difference in start dates of the programs.

Faye McKinnon questioned if the instructor of the Boot Camp program had been approached regarding a different start time to accommodate those interested that work outside the city. Maxine Richardson stated that she would look into a change of time for the fall.

SPRING 2014 RETREAT Maxine Richardson stated that the annual retreat which previously took place on a Saturday morning would be held as a dinner meeting on the previously scheduled May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

ADULT LEARNING CENTER PRESENTATION Maxine Richardson introduced Suzanne Martin, Coordinator of the Adult Learning Center. Suzanne summarized that the programs are supported by grants from the Department of Education, with local matching funds by the Brockton Public Schools. Classes primarily take place at the Adult Learning Center. Members were provided with information outlining the population and statistics of the students who are enrolled.

There has been a change this year with the GED. The GED program will no longer be offered in the state of MA. It is now referred to as HiSET® Exam and will be available as a paper test and as a computerized test. The content of the test has changed as well.

Ossie Jordan asked if the Educational Testing Service (ETS) test is taken on the computer given an allotted amount of time, how students lacking computers skills would be accommodated. Ossie also asked if there is a reason why the program runs on Friday mornings from 9:00 am to noon. Suzanne stated that the established hours are mostly due to financial concerns. Friday classes are mostly supplemental to the established curriculum. He recommended a survey be done as to what the needs of the students are. Suzanne stated that surveys do take place for current students. She also stated that there is 90% attendance rate, one of the highest percentages in the state.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BASKETBALL Maxine Richardson introduced Michael Thomas, Deputy Superintendent of Operations. He is also the former Supervisor of Community Schools Basketball and the summer Raise Up Basketball programs. Among his many responsibilities

2013-2014 SEASON  
UPDATE

Michael also oversees Community Schools. Maxine summarized the dates and locations of the Semi-Final Games, Coaches' Classic and The All-Star Games. She stated that the children are very well behaved at all of the games. The final Clinic Games for Kindergarten through Grade 2 were held the previous weekend. All Clinic participants received a trophy.

Joanna Silverman, who has a daughter in the clinic, asked if there would be a push to recruit girls only teams in order to bring back girls' teams. She suggested having Clinics for girls to see if they would like it first. Michael thought having a clinic for a few weeks in the beginning of the season would be a good idea. He also stated that girls in all levels of basketball have dropped off.

BROCKTON YOUTH  
FOUNDATION  
UPDATE

Jean Mech announced that Summerfest 2014 would be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Brockton High School from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Jean summarized some of the activities, donations and vendors that participated in last year's event. All volunteers are welcome.

The annual "Breakfast with Champions" will be scheduled for a date in the fall. All information will be posted on [www.brocktonyouthfoundation.org](http://www.brocktonyouthfoundation.org) when it becomes available.

SUMMER 2014  
UPDATE

Maxine Richardson announced that this year there will be a one page flyer summarizing all of the children summer program offerings. All information will be posted on the Community Schools website [www.brocktoncommunityschools.com](http://www.brocktoncommunityschools.com). There will also be the annual summer programs brochure detailing all programs for all ages which is developed by Jocelyn Meek and Community Schools. Community Schools will be offering activities for staff and friends of Brockton Public Schools. This spring there will be two Paint Nights taught by Kendra Bourne, a BPS art teacher. The dates are March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. The painting will be a beach scene. The students at the silk screen shop at the Keith School silk screened the Community Schools logo on aprons for participants to wear. It was a great learning experience for the students to create the screen. Refreshments will be made and served by the students from the Fine Arts Café during Paint Night.

Joe Moses asked where the fliers would be located for people who do not have access to a computer. Maxine stated that they will be placed at the city libraries, schools in neighboring towns, past recipients and other business.

Maxine asked members to represent Community Schools and provide program information at tables during parent conferences at their schools. Maxine will provide tokens to the schools for the parents advertising Community Schools.

ALBERT N.  
BARONCELLI  
AWARD

The Albert N. Baroncelli Award is an annual award given to an individual or group that best represent volunteerism in the Brockton Public Schools. The deadline date for nominations is April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss and vote for a recipient who will be presented with an engraved Revere Bowl in recognition of the award at a reception to be held on a date to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Ossie Jordan provided members with information regarding an event being held

at The Berklee Performance Center in Boston, MA. The Whispers will perform on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 8:00 pm. All members are invited to attend.

Iva Andrade was the winner of this month's drawing.  
Congratulations!

IT WAS MOVED BY TRACEY POMFRET AND SECONDED BY  
IVA ANDRADE TO ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM