CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2026 – Canon-McMillan Middle School

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Guest Speakers – Local Municipality Officials
Presenters: Eric Chandler (Canonsburg Borough Council President), Andrew Walz (North Strabane Township), and Donald Gennuso (Cecil Township.

Community Growth & Development

- Representatives discussed differences between borough and township governance structures and how local ordinances guide development.
- Canonsburg Borough representatives explained the borough's focus on maintaining and improving the downtown business district and addressing blighted properties.
- Cecil Township representatives noted that approximately 65% of township land remains undeveloped and available for future growth.
- Officials shared that Cecil Township and North Strabane Township continue to experience significant residential growth, driven in part by the strength of the school district.

Development Regulations & Municipal Authority

- Officials explained that municipalities are required to follow Pennsylvania municipal planning laws and cannot arbitrarily deny developments that meet ordinance requirements.
- Developers must comply with zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, stormwater requirements, and other local codes.
- Conditional use applications require additional hearings and review processes.
- Municipal representatives emphasized that if developers meet all legal requirements, municipalities are generally obligated to approve the project.
- North Strabane Township representatives discussed the use of traffic impact fees and updated development ordinances to help address infrastructure concerns.
- Officials noted that municipalities cannot prevent property owners from selling land to developers.

Resident Questions & Discussion

- Parents expressed concerns regarding school capacity, traffic, and infrastructure related to continued housing development.
- Officials encouraged residents to attend local municipal meetings and remain engaged in planning discussions.
- Discussion included balancing residential growth with infrastructure needs and preserving community character.

District Response Regarding Enrollment Growth (Dr. Taranto and Dr. Chambers)

- The district is actively planning for continued enrollment growth and future redistricting.

- The administration is investing in updated software to help monitor development trends and enrollment projections.
- Families will receive additional information regarding redistricting plans during the upcoming school year.
- District leadership emphasized that redistricting will be an ongoing process as the community continues to grow.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 20, 2026 meeting were approved.

4. Principal and School Updates

Presenter: Dr. Matt Wolfe, Borland Manor

- The school continues to host numerous end-of-year activities and events.
- Borland Manor Elementary recently presented its PBIS program virtually to a national audience and received national recognition.
- The PFO completed a successful spring book fair.
- The school recently held its Readathon.
- Students are preparing for upcoming PSSA testing.
- Additional spring activities, including Fitness Day and field trips, are planned.

5. District Updates

Presenter: Dr. Scott Chambers

District Growth & Construction Planning

- District administration discussed the long-term impact of community growth and ongoing enrollment increases.
- Over the past ten years, the district has invested approximately $250 million in construction and facility improvements.
- Previous major projects included the construction of the intermediate schools and Muse Elementary.
- The district continues to monitor future enrollment trends at all grade levels.

High School Capacity & Future Planning

- Current high school enrollment remains below building capacity.
- District administration discussed changing trends in high school scheduling, including cyber enrollment, vocational education participation, and hybrid learning opportunities.
- Officials noted that the middle school was designed with future flexibility should additional classroom space ever be needed.

Wylandville & Elementary Projects

- Construction at Wylandville remains on schedule despite delays related to rock excavation.
- The anticipated completion date remains February 2027.
- Redistricting plans will follow the completion of Wylandville.
- Hills-Hendersonville renovations are expected to be the next major district project.

Redistricting & Planning Software

- The district is utilizing updated planning and analytics software to assist with redistricting decisions.

- Administration emphasized that human review and oversight will remain part of the process.
- The software will allow the district to simulate future growth scenarios and evaluate long-term impacts.

Cyber & Hybrid Learning

- Cyber students continue to have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities and selected in-person courses.
- Families are responsible for transportation for hybrid participation.

Additional Discussion

- Parents asked questions regarding AP course finals and the district's rationale for requiring final exams in AP classes.
- Administration explained the need for consistency and preparation prior to AP testing.

6. Recognitions & Positives

- Congratulations were shared for student and district accomplishments throughout the school year.
- Positive feedback was shared regarding the appearance and updates made to the high school facilities.

7. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

8. New Business

Officer Elections

The following officers were elected:

- President: Meggan Flemming
- Vice President: Mary Schweitzer
- Secretary: Kristen Flanagan

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.