DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
January 16, 2008

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts, Angela Sartori.
Junior High: K. Masten. Pre-K @ Renwick: E. Hart. Pre K @ Washington St.: D.
Smith. Retirees: J. Panzetta, J. Richards, D. Morano. Teaching Assistants: S. Manning,
Initiative Chair: M. Henry, Ed Issues Advocacy Chair: J. Lotito.

Schools not represented: Administration, Balmville, Chestnut St., Executive Dr.,
Prep Academy @ Stewart, Substitute Chapter, West Street.

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2007
Moved: S. Minard Passed Unanimously
Seconded: S. Manning

Approval of the Minutes of December 20, 2007
Moved: L. Colacchio Passed Unanimously
Seconded: L. Mangan

President’s Report
1. Salary notices will be going out with salary schedule and step location.
2. Calendar- NTA having input with regards to next year’s calendar, February 5,
   2008 will be a day off due to Presidential Primary Day.
3. New Child Abuse Law- Teachers are legally required to call hotline. Toll- free
   numbers are on the NTA website. Please be cautious when reporting.
4. Elementary Head Delegates and Reps will meet with the Superintendent January 24, 2008 and Secondary English Teachers will meet on February 11, 2008.
5. Superintendent will meet with Head Delegates next week to discuss Contract for Excellence.

Vice-President’s Report
1. Performance Conditions- members are encouraged to attend the Tuesday meetings that pertain to their subject and/or grade level. This ensures that your issues will be heard.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Treasurer reported

Committee Reports
- **Labor Management**- Report given at meeting
- **Grievance**- Grievance Committee has been re-configured. Linda Mangan will chair elementary grievances, Lou Stanley will chair middle level grievances, Angela Sartori will chair substitute grievances, Joni Mongelli will chair TA grievances, there is an opening for a member to chair high school level grievances. Jim Nee will continue to work with the chairs.
- **Health and Safety**- NFA Temporary Roof and parking lot discussed. Meadow Hill side parking lot ice issues discussed, SJH/HJH slate roofs approved work for summer, Balmville cameras and PA system in place, Mr. Damon and Mr. Velez will follow up on parking issue. Mr. Young following up on cameras for Pre-K, Security Cameras needed for many schools.
- **Educational Issues Advocacy**- Phone banks will be ready to go for Super Tuesday vote. Head Delegates need to choose their dates. NYSUT and AFT are endorsing Hillary Clinton.
- **Teacher Center**- Teacher Center has moved to Chestnut Street, should be fully operational by Monday. Work room open until 5pm.
- **Nomination and Elections**- No Report
- **Special Events**- No Report
- **ER&D**- One teacher will be attending Foundations II training in Washington DC. New Teacher Orientation to take place the last week in August. Head Delegates will receive notice for suggestions for ER&D candidates for next year.
- **VOTE/COPE**- No Report
- **Teaching Assistants**- Thank you to all who donated gifts to Safe Homes. Next project for Safe Homes will be small scrapbooks and a camera for Mother’s Day. Defensive Driving Classes to be held: Jan 26, Feb. 23, and May 3rd. Flyers will go out. General Membership meeting January 29, 2008.
- **New Member Initiative**- Five schools have held events. Please get your proposals in as soon as possible. All proposals must be approved by the Board of Directors before they can be held. Next event will be Gidney Avenue.
• Pendulum- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE
1. February 20th has been identified as a second parent conference night. No information yet. The half day compensation will be the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend.
2. West Street School will be K-3 bilingual school next year. Kindergarten will be a two way class. Grades 1-3 will be monolingual/bilingual. The two way model will expand one grade level per year to grades 1-4.
3. Lengthy discussion took place about reconfiguration. There will be no lay-offs with the configuration. It is the NTA’s intent to have teacher input on program issues for reconfigurations.
4. No 7th grade at NJH and a 7th grade at Stewart to be called HJH Satellite.
5. February 5th Primary Day- District must have 182 days. No ruling yet that a snow day will be used.
6. SAVE room language needs to be clarified with regard to in-school suspensions. Lengthy discussion took place.
7. A representative will be meeting with NTA President about a stair chair.
8. Information about taking a half sick day or personal days when school is not testing was discussed. Information to be posted on the NTA website.
9. Clarifying memo to be issued by Mr. McLymore about preferred substitutes for Mentor and Personal Days.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:47 PM
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: D. Brown
Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary