DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

January 19, 2011

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley
Balmville: C. Franklin; Executive Drive: N. Colon; Fostertown: J. Conn, J. Komondorea, A. Mahon; Gidney Ave.: G. Pinheiro, M. Scully, B. Underhill; Heritage Middle: L. Vinti;
Horizons: N. Lorenzo; Meadow Hill: L. Colacchio, K. DeMarco, K. Gunsch;
Pre-K @ Washington St.: D. Mahusky; South Middle: C. Stupple; Temple Hill: M. Corbett, G. Masiello, L. Puma, K. Wingfield; Retiree Chapter: P. Gertler, R. LeDuc, D. Morano, R. Coughlin, S. DeMarco; Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden;
Committee Chairs/ Other Attendees: M. Bowe; N. Karnavezos; C. Johnson-Cromer; L. Mangan; K. Roberts.

Schools not represented: Administration; Gardnertown; Stewart; Vails Gate; West St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute Chapter;
CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 17, 2010

Moved: N. Lorenzo
Second: L. Vinti
Passes unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. Moment of silence observed for the late Dr. Annette Saturnelli, who passed away December 20, 2010. NTA made a donation in her memory to the Carly Fund.
2. Birth announcements: a granddaughter to the Giansanti family, a grandson to the Eitel family, a boy to Board of Director S. Hall, and a boy to J. Connolly.
3. Attended the second meeting on Infinite Campus on January 10, 2011 with Central Office and technology teachers. Called other area presidents about issues surrounding the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus. Currently, only attendance, progress reports, and report cards are being entered on Infinite Campus.
4. December 7, 2010 the Substitute Chapter ratified their two year contract.
5. On December 9, 2010, NYSUT delegates attended an ED 14 at Thayer Hotel. Dan. Kingly, the Director of Policy and Programs at NYSUT did the presentation on the changes related to APPR.
6. On December 13, 2010, attended the Building Advisory Committee Meeting at Gidney Avenue to review the latest floor plans for the reconfiguration of GAMS.
7. The same evening, attended the Facilities Steering/Educational Planning Meeting at the Board of Education to review the same floor plans.
8. The December Delegate Assembly at the Powelton Club was a success. The Reilly Award was presented to Carol Franklin and David Brown. Thirty-eight teachers received tenure certificates.
9. The work on the school calendar for 2011-2012 school year has begun.
10. Linda Vindi and two other home teachers are meeting to write protocols for filling out time sheets.
11. January 6, 2011, the Leadership Consultant Group met with teachers and teaching assistants representing the elementary and secondary level to discuss the qualities sought after in the new Superintendent of Schools.
12. January 11, 2011 Jim Butterworth from the State Education Department met with representatives of the NTA, CSEA, Administrators, Central Office, and BOE members to delineate the District’s goals and vision.
13. Labor Management will be meeting January 26, 2011 to discuss Infinite Campus, the grade 6 reconfiguration, and the ground rules for the upcoming negotiations.
14. Met with ELT Susan Lafonte to discuss mid-level certification changes. There are two three credit courses teachers may take to certify in a content specific tenure area if they choose to take a position at the middle schools. Hopefully the courses will be in Newburgh for NTA teachers in June and July. More information will be forth coming.
15. January 28, 2011 will meet with NEA and NYSUT for the 2 year grant of $140,000 towards Professional Staff Development.
16. Face Book is up and running. There are currently over 3000 members of the NTA, and the goal is to get at least 500 members to “like” the webpage. Two gift cards worth $25.00 will be awarded each month for February, March, April, May and June selected at random for members who “like” the site.
17. Go Daddy emails get kicked back to NTA if they are not checked. Storage space includes trash mailbox, so trash must be deleted regularly.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

No report at this time.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

1. Attached.
Committee Reports:

**Educational Issues:** G. Pinheiro reports needing volunteers for phone banks for the upcoming May budget vote and Board of Education Member elections.

**NTC:** President Van Duser reports for A. Healey new in-service classes began last week.

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reports there are two Stage II hearings pending.

**Labor Management:** J. Nee reports the next meeting is January 26, 2011.

**SAVE:** B. Browne reports the Turnkey Training has not yet been scheduled due to the cancellation of the last meeting by Dr. Noreiga.

**Special Events:** President Van Duser reports thanks to Jen Lauderio and Kathy Marley for their help at the Holiday meeting at the Powelton Club.

**VOTE/COPE:** N. Karnavezos reports lists are being compared to payroll deduction lists given to delegates.

**Health and Safety:** Reminder to Head Delegates to get names of the representatives of their buildings to V. Metzger-Horton as soon as possible.

Chapter Reports:

**TA Chapter:** S. Manning reports the Defensive Driving Course will be held Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the NTA building at 8:30am. The chapter is starting to work on the May 7, 2011 Starting Healthy and Staying Healthy in Newburgh event. Work continues on the Safe Homes scrapbooks.

**Retiree Chapter:** D. Morano thanks President Van Duser for the informal meeting to discuss the voting rights issue.

**Substitute Chapter:** President Van Duser reports that the contract was ratified and pay should be at the new rate. If any problems occur, email her at NTA.

NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION 1:**

Whereas, National Board Certification of a professional represents the attainment of credentials that exceed standard credentialing levels; and

Whereas, National Board Certification helps to spread best practices to the classrooms and schools; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA President recognize newly National Board Certified Teacher, Angela Boone, Meadow Hill Guidance Counselor and Chris Courtsunis, NFA Science Teacher.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: L. Colacchio

Second: C. Franklin

Passes unanimously
MOTION #2

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly appoint Terri Vidi to Central Compact Chairperson. (Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: N. Lorenzo  
Second: L. Colacchio  
Passes Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:

1. Reminder to drop off prescription reimbursement requests before February 1, 2011 deadline. Courier service is NOT time stamped service. Recommend dropping off to Benefit Trust office personally, or using the United States Postal Service for time stamp.
2. C. Franklin requests all schools participate in this year’s Carly’s Day Celebration at Orange County Choppers Route 17 K on June 4, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 4:43 pm

Moved: J. Nee  
Second: B. Browne  
Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley  
NTA Secretary