DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

January 18, 2012

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley

Schools not represented: Administration; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 16, 2011
Moved: D. Brown
Second: L. Colacchio
Passes unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. The Tenure Reception was held at the Powleton Club on December 21, 2011, where tenure certificates were presented.
2. The APPR training has started for 4-8th grade Math, ELA, and Special Education Self contained teachers. There are eight more sessions scheduled. Administrators need training in order to use the Rubric.
3. Thanks to Fostertown, Gidney Ave, and Meadow Hill Schools for participating in the NYSUT Disaster Relief Campaign.
4. Interviews for the Executive Principal of NFA Main and North Campuses have been scheduled for February 2, 2012. Anyone interested in being on the committee should email their interest to the NTA no later than 12:00 PM January 20, 2012. A Teaching Assistant from either campus is needed.
5. There are only five days to apply for the Special Coaching positions available.
6. Health Offices will be forwarded the phone number of Chiropractor, Dr. Brower who is interested in visiting our schools.
7. Letters of Intent to retire are due to Human Resources by February 1, 2012.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Happy New Year and Welcome Back.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Report is attached.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

**BOE Policy:** B. Browne-Fazio reported on the committee’s discussion surrounding changes to the attendance policy.

**BOE Curriculum:** D. Crisci-Rodriguez reported the NYS Curriculum Website, Dignity for All Framework in the Middle School level, and same sex classroom discussions continue.

**Central Compact:** T. Vidi reported that Balmville School hosted NFA and GDN teachers presenting on the Moodles Website.

**Ed Issues:** G. Pinheiro reported that the Governor’s budget was presented yesterday. Work for May Budget and Board of Education Candidates will begin soon.

**Nomination and Election:** K. Roberts reported the Officer Elections will take place February 14, 2012. The Candidate Forum will be held on January 25, 2012 at NFA North Campus at 5:30 PM. A Head Delegate meeting will take place February 1, 2012, to review the process for the election. Each school must send the Head Delegate or their designee to pick up the ballot boxes. The Head Delegate is responsible for giving the Election Committee the names of the ballot counters and where the election will take place in their building. The alternate location for voting is the NTA office.

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reported two Stage II grievances have been resolved in favor of our members, and two Stage II are pending.

**Health and Safety:** J. Daley reported that the last meeting discussed the construction at GAMS and the upcoming Hand washing poster Contest. Notices went out to each building Principal to forward the names of the representatives on their Health and Safety Committees.

**Labor Management:** P. Van Duser reported the last meeting focused on the APPR. NYS is still evolving the growth measurement component. Discussion included scoring and time frame for observations. The test scores component has a formula which includes attendance (which won’t penalize the teacher). NTA is the only local giving training to members at this time.

**Teacher Center:** M. Larkin reported the spring classes are filled to capacity. It is unknown if there will be summer sessions at this time. More courses are needed which are aligned with the common core standards.

**SAVE:** B. Browne-Fazio reported there was discussion about overhauling the Code of Conduct to include a Dignity for All model, remove severe cases (such as homicide), and incorporate ways to help students before removing them.

**VOTE/COPE:** M. Olsen reported payroll deduction campaign is done. A significant amount was raised by the effort.
Retiree Chapter: D. Morano reported the chapter held their winter luncheon at Anthon’s Pier 9 on January 4, 2012. The May Dinner will be the last event for this year.

Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning reported the executive committee remains unchanged due to the candidates running unopposed. Project Santa serviced 270 families. Everyday items are collected all year long. Scrapbooking and journal projects will begin soon. The next Defensive Driving Class will be January 21, 2012.

Substitute Chapter: K. McCrossen reported the meeting is rescheduled for February 1, 2012.

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, Judy Cooper. (Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors).

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: D. Brown

Passes unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE

P. Van Duser: NYSUT has a PGA grant to bring Junior Golf to K-5 elementary children.
M. Corbett: A student from THA and his parent were involved in a fire in Newburgh.
S. Manning: Teaching Assistant Cindy Mack lost her son, Michael Mack. Donations to the family may be forwarded to P. Favata at NWS.
A. Healey: Good news to hear National Board Certification process continues, according to the Pendulum, but there is no mention of when it will be starting again. Congratulations to newly Board Certified Judy Cooper.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5: 15 PM
Moved: S. Hall
Second: B. Browne-Fazio

Passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary