DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 17, 2007


Schools not represented: Administration, Substitutes, Chestnut St., West St.

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2007, as amended. Moved: J. Daley Passed Unanimously Seconded: L. Mangan

Solidarity Oath

President's Report
1. All voting is complete on the amendments to the NTA Constitution and Bylaws. We will not be releasing the results until the Board of Directors certifies them. The Directors have already held one special meeting to review some alleged improprieties in voting on that referendum.
2. Last night the District wide Advisory Group for Implementation of the District Master Plan met- six schools were represented.
3. Tonight, while we're meeting, most every school is represented at an Audit of Curriculum meeting. Each building head delegate identified the building representative.
4. The lawsuit by four retirees is continuing. The issues once again are whether or not retirees have the right to vote for NTA officers and on contracts because of their standing as special members under our constitution. To play out the logic a little of this lawsuit, should per diem subs have the right to vote on our contract because they are special members too? Our position is that the Constitution gives the Board
of Directors the ability to interpret the Constitution- i.e. officers, contracts. No- constitutional amendments - Yes
5. Walk throughs- discussions with Mr. Agostaro ongoing

Vice- President’s Report
1. First department meeting with science took place on October 16, 2007 to discuss performance conditions. List of upcoming meetings is posted on our webpage.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting. Check registry was made available.

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Report given at meeting
- Grievance- Report given at meeting
- Health and Safety- First meeting of the school year took place on September 20th. Balmville Annex may be coming down soon. Pre-K at Washington Street has demolition work happening across the street. Use the district Health and Safety form once your issue has gone through the building process.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Committee is dormant right now, Central Labor Council is active. Please fax your legislators about NCLB from the NYSUT website.
- Teacher Center- Two new courses to be offered: Assessment and Differentiated Instruction. Lesson studies for Houghton-Mifflin will take place. Classes are capped at 30 except for the class at THA. Mentor pairings almost finished. Not enough mentors, this is the third year in a row without training. When a member takes a mentor day, they are to inform the building principal. Course proposals are due in October. Staff development to take place for Compact Members.
- Nomination and Elections- No election for Board of Directors is necessary. Some members will receive a letter asking them to shed light on the alleged improprieties.
- Special Events- Leadership conference is two weeks away, please send in your responses
- ER&D- No report
- VOTE/COPE- Contributions are collected during the calendar year. Head Delegates do not need to do this. They can assign a delegate to do this. Retiree Campaign is under way.
- Teaching Assistants- Making Strides walk is Sunday. Safe Homes fund raising dinner on Thursday. SRP state conference was very informative.
- New Member Initiative- Committee is working on revising the paperwork. Get your proposals in early. Use a private room, so that speakers can be heard. Program is to build the union for new members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Whereas, the NTA members who are NYS Teacher Retirement System delegates will be electing a teacher member to the retirement board this November, and

Whereas, NYSUT has endorsed Sheila Salenger for teacher member to the retirement system, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA endorse the candidacy of Sheila Salenger and urge the delegates to vote accordingly.

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: R. Grove

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2
Whereas, Former NTA member Felicia Cole suffered a terrible debilitating car accident in July of 2005, and

Whereas, her injuries have left her wheelchair bound and in need of ongoing physical therapy and appropriate accessible accommodations, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA actively support the Felicia Cole Project fundraising and volunteer labor efforts in order that she be able to live with dignity and respect.

Moved: M. Riverol                         Passed Unanimously
Seconded: K. Masten

GOOD AND WELFARE
- Intro and welcome to Ashley Mahon
- AESOP- trouble getting subs. Teachers can order your preference list by priority. Contact Myra Banks.
- Many teachers not getting preferred subs.
- Absence reporting to your building can be reported on a dedicated line up to fifteen minutes prior to absence. This is NOT for calling the sub service.
- NTA Board Forum- North Junior High December 3, 2007. Members are urged to attend.
- Stewart Academy has no textbooks. Students must come with their own books.
- Sign in process was discussed- Contract says you can initial. You will not be docked.
- Elementary school copiers are expected to be replaced first. Teachers are encouraged to use the print Shop.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:35 PM
Moved: J. Mongelli
Seconded: L. Mangan                         Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary