DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

November 17, 2010

Balmville: C. Franklin; Fostertown: J. Komondorea, M. Olsen; Gidney Ave.: G. Pinheiro, M. Scully, V. Marin; Heritage Middle: K. D’Alfonso; Horizons: N. Lorenzo;
NFA: B. Browne, J. Nee, M. Gutierrez-Colón; NFA North: N. Morales, B. Rubin;
Pre-K @ Washington St.: D. Mahusky; Stewart: J. Eitel; Temple Hill: K. Wingfield;
Retiree Chapter: P. Gertler, D. Morano, E. Winfield, S. DeMarco, L. Smith;
Committee Chairs/Other Attendees: A. Cotton.

Schools not represented: Administration; Executive Drive; Gardnertown; Meadow Hill; New Windsor; South Middle; Vails Gate; West St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute Chapter; Teaching Assistant Chapter; AFT/NYSUT Delegates.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 20, 2010

Moved: N. Morales
Second: B. Browne

Passes unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the newly-elected Middle Level Director L. Vinti, and the three re-elected Elementary Directors J. Conn, M. Wiley, and C. Franklin.
2. Thank you to Frank Wolf who single-handedly hung the new NTA banner in the meeting room.
3. Thanks to all who came to help out at the phone banks on November 1, 2010. AFT President Randi Weingarten and Congressman John Hall stopped by to thank everyone for their hard work in this campaign.
4. Mr. A. Pallotta will help the NTA upgrade the phone bank stations. We expect 4-6 new laptop stations for the May elections.
5. Thanks to the participants of the NTA Leadership Conference held Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the North Campus of NFA.
6. The NYSTRS Delegates and Alternates attended the NYSTRS Conference in Saratoga Springs November 14 and 15, 2010. Sheila Salenger was re-elected to the Board of Directors.

7. NYSUT Representative Assembly will be held April 7, 8, 9, and 2010 in NYC.

8. The winners of the William G. Reilly Award and the newly tenured teachers will be recognized at the December Delegate Assembly which has been moved to December 22, 2010 at the Powleton Club.

9. Attended a Core Team Meeting to discuss the reconfiguration of GAMS and the movement of grade 6 to the Middle Schools. Volunteers are needed for this team.

10. Negotiations have begun for the Substitute Chapter. The next session is scheduled for November 24, 2010.

11. FaceBook page is up and running. The first week there were 699 visits.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

1. The School Related Professional (SRP) Recognition Day was held yesterday at the NTA.
2. The next Defensive Driving Course will be December 4, 2010.
3. The bus trip to Franklin has been cancelled.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. Attached.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

**Educational Issues:** G. Pinheiro reports phone banks were successful, with approximately 20 volunteers coming each night. He looks forward to the same success for the upcoming May elections.

**ER & D:** J. Eitel reports three or four in-service courses are slated between now and spring if they are approved.

**NTC:** J. Eitel reports the NTC Policy Board approval process has changed, with the Policy Board voting on courses reviewed by Curriculum and Instruction. WinCap concerns need more clarification. The first Mentor stipend will be sent in December, 2010.

**Grievance:** President Van Duser reports for L. Mangan there is one Stage II hearing pending.

**Labor Management:** J. Nee reports Infinite Campus discussion is ongoing. Bargaining for the Substitute Chapter started October 28, 2010. The next session is scheduled for November 24, 2010.

**SAVE:** B. Browne reports the training and retraining of the Code of Conduct will hopefully take place before the Holiday. This will be a turnkey training. Reminder to teachers to keep the gold copy of any referrals.

**Special Events:** President Van Duser reports for J. Laudiero. Thanks to K. Marley and J. Laudiero for their help with the Leadership Conference at NFA North Campus November 13, 2010.

**VOTE/COPE:** M. Olsen reports letters will be sent to all non-contributors to VOTE/COPE. The letter will ask members to consider payroll deduction instead of paying by check. Head Delegates can help with follow up, if needed. Reminder that VOTE/COPE is calendar year, not school year.
Election Committee: President Van Duser reports for K. Roberts on the election of the Board of Directors. They are as follows: Middle Level Director is L. Vinti (HMS), NFA Director is S. Hall, NYSUT Director is J. Nee, and AFT Director is D. Brown. Also, the three Elementary Directors were re-elected. They are as follows: J. Conn, C. Franklin, and M. Wiley.

Health and Safety: J. Daley reports that the Risk Manager will present a topic of the month at each meeting. Only GAMS and THA have responded to the Committee with the names of the representatives of their buildings. Reminder to Head Delegates to get these names to V. Metzger-Horton as soon as possible.

TA Chapter: President Van Duser reported for S. Manning on the Mildred Warren Good Neighbor Award and the SRP Recognition Day.

Retiree Chapter: D. Morano questioned the policy concerning postings on the NTA Website. The next dinner meeting of the Chapter will be December 8, 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION 1:

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly approve the revised edition of the NTA committees and stipends.

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: N. Lorenzo
Second: J. Nee

Passes Unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, David Brown and Carol Franklin have advanced professionalism in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, and

Whereas, both David and Carol have been active unionist and leaders in their buildings, and share a willingness to take on other roles that have provided countless union benefits, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly name David Brown and Carol Franklin the 2010 William G. Reilly Profile in Unionism Award recipients.

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: K. Wingfield

Passes Unanimously
GOOD AND WELFARE:

1. Flyer from C. Eachus for Operation Newburgh Cares. Donations are requested by Saturday, November 20, 2010.
2. S. DeMarco mentions he has not heard from many teachers about the numerous changes happening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm

Moved: M. Scully
Second: B. Browne

Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary