Teaching Assistants’ Chapter
“Minutes” from 2/10/09 Bldg. Rep. Meeting

Call to Order: 4:20pm


Approval of 1/13/09 Minutes: motion to accept- D Knox, 2"nd by J Stumpf

Chairperson’s Report (S. Manning):

Teaching Assistants can claim a $250 educator’s deduction while filing your income tax
Seniority lists are being updated again
Nine TAs are being reinstated and can vote in today’s NTA elections

Committee Reports:

Membership B. Johnson): Negotiations will be starting soon. Please contact B Johnson (Pre-K @ Wash.) with any concerns you would like brought up for discussion. M. Pavlik is tallying the Living Wage survey results for input, too.

Sick Bank (B. Johnson): One member of TA Chapter is using approved Sick Bank days at this time.

Grievance (J. Mongelli): Committee met with Human Resources on 1/22/09. A settlement was reached for the one outstanding TA grievance (awaiting written document). Stage II hearings (no TAs) is to be held 2/24/09. The “tabled” TAs were rehired full time, dues are now being deducted again, and their pay will be adjusted retroactively back to their date of hire.

VOTE/COPE (D. Knox): 90 out of a total 190 Teaching Assistants participated in payroll deduction for this past year. Reminder of how and where our VOTE/COPE money is spent and why it is important to give

Community/Member Affairs (P. Favata): No report at this time
L.A.P. Grant (B. Johnson): “Starting Healthy in Newburgh” event will be held on April 25th. More participants needed! Reps. From the district’s Health and Safety Committee and district school nurses will be at the 3/10 meeting.

Scholarship (G. Nichols): Checks will be presented to member scholarship recipients at the March Building Rep. meeting so that they can be recognized by their peers.

Newsletter (M. Pavlik): next issue will be distributed by the beginning of March. Maureen is waiting for official NTA election results.

Good and Welfare:

NTA Pres. Phil Cordella: Reiterated information about re-hired Teaching Assistants and spoke about the letter from Superintendent Dr. Saturnelli that we received yesterday.

“Carly’s Mission” fundraiser (G. Bucci): This event will be held on Tues., March 3d at NFA. The Teaching Assistants are collecting items to make baskets to be raffled off that evening. The fundraiser is to sponsor a Healing the Children mission in memory of Carly Sigelbaum. Each school will be collecting donations until 2/26. The basket themes will be: 1. Disney, 2. Movie Night, 3. Sports, and 4. Beany Babies. Please be generous for this worthy cause being held in memory of a sweet, beautiful girl who was one of our own. Thanks.