NTA TEACHING ASSISTANT'S CHAPTER
Building Representative Meeting
March 8, 2011

NTA Liaison: J. LeRoy.
Schools: Foresttown: G. Nichols; HOH: L. Tucker, Meadow Hill: L. Maier, K. Velez;
New Windsor: B. Butrick, K. Fernandez; NFA: C. Derham, M. Leonard, Pre-K: J. Powell; SMS:

Schools not represented: Balmville; GAMS; Heritage; NFA North; West Street.

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order: 4:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
February 22, 2011 with correction.

Moved: M. Leonard
Second: L. Simpson
Passes Unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
1. Meetings for BOE: March 17, cancelled. Still on: March 21, at 5:30 and March 29, at
7:30.
2. At the last BOE meeting the recommendation of ½K & ½1\textsuperscript{st} grade TA's was bubbled
again.
3. On March 21, 2011 a list of all possible Senior Staff suggestions will be presented to the
BOE.
4. Depending on the number of teachers taking the incentive, there could be a substantial
savings.
5. Encourage our members to send letters to Legislators- after dismissal, on line at
www.newburgh.ta.com. Please remind your members to sign into their NTA email
accounts and to check them for information. Call NTA office if help is needed on
passwords.
6. Recommend sending hand written letters to BOE members on the importance of TA’s.
BR’s should take time to write up template for members as an example.
7. Encourage all members to attend the March 21\textsuperscript{st} BOE meeting, just watching the
process is an experience and worth your time.
8. Leadership Workshop: March 12, 2011 at 9:00, bring your binder if you attended a previous grievance workshop.
9. Jim Nee will be speaking on the negotiation process from 9:00 until 9:30 at the leadership workshop. Cornwall and Pine Bush members will join us after that.
10. Information for Level 3TA’s on recording PD hours (75hrs/5yrs) on line should be available soon. A program to log your time is being set up. The district will verify information before sending to state.
11. In service classes, college classes, staff meetings all count toward PD hours.
12. If a member would like their number of seniority contact S. Manning at X36220 (voice-mail) and please allow Sheila 3 days to get back to you. Or contact her at smanning@newburghhta.com. Please remember for any inquiry, Sheila is working in a classroom and should not be called away from the classroom unnecessarily.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
1. Income: $51237.54 Expense: $32,990.06
2. February report not on hand because E. Hart just received it.
3. TAC is a single line on overall expense report.
4. M. Leonard suggested budget line for expenses to tell us where the money comes from, especially when considering motions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
1. **Labor Management:** Met on February 24. Patricia Van Duser meets with teachers’ labor management as Jim Nee and Ken DeStefano (LRS) meet with TA labor management. Then all meet with District people. All are very supportive and teacher and TA try to stay on the same page/item. Negotiating Team has rules of conduct and cannot discuss the negotiations.
2. **Grievances:** B. Johnson reports that there are two stage 2’s at this time.
3. **Sick Bank:** All status quo at this time.
4. **Membership:** Scrap booking for Safe Homes can be done at your own school. Let us know if you need any supplies.
5. **Newsletter:** (Message from P. SanSevero) I hope everyone enjoyed last month’s newsletter! I am in need of more school activities, seminar information fundraisers, and any other school related material that involves TA’s! Please send anything you have to my e-mail address with pictures and a short write-up... article ideas...note any TA’s name...need everyone’s support. Contact Patty at patty@servocomm.com.
6. **VOTE/COPE:** D. Knox has list and letters ready for TA’s. Reminder: These dollars allow us to reach out to our legislators. Very important in times like these.
7. **Scholarship:** March 23, 2011 is the due date for student’s application.
8. **Health & Safety:** Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2011.
9. **SAVE:** Meeting is on the calendar for April 12, 2011.
10. **Planning Board:** Has not met again at this time.
11. **LAP:** Meeting today.
12. **Special Events:** End of Year ideas for venue and menu are still being accepted by D. Petrilli. Call her with leads or ideas. Suggestion of having attendees pay some money toward the per person amount.
OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

GOOD & WELFARE:
1. NTATAC was in the Safe Homes Newsletters.
2. Thank You notes were received from TA’s, Amy Sutton and Stacy Drew.
3. L.Simpson inquired if the new Community and Members criteria is in effect,- yes it is.
4. G. Nicholas asked if 1-1 TA’s are expected to move with the student as he/she moves on to JHS or NFA? Is the policy to go with the student or stay in building? Response is that we work for the district not for a building. There may be other factors, i.e., a male student may need a male TA as he goes onto higher education. If the 1-1 has not been selected to go, she would be put on the list in seniority order to choose an opened position. If the 1-1 student leaves the district during the school year, the TA usually remains in their building until an opening occurs, in their building or elsewhere. In the TA contract is an involuntary transfer section, which the TA would know why it is happening, what they did, and can be brought to the Superintendent for review.
5. If a member is laid-off do they keep their step? Answer-yes.
6. If a member is laid-off and receives a call to take another position, can the TA turn the position down without penalty? Answer-yes as often as necessary without losing rank.
7. Two of our members might retire this year.
8. In our contract there is an incentive of 55+/15 and if you choose this it must be in by February 1st of the year.
9. B. Johnson’s airfare is going to be higher than expected, $493.00. We will put forth a motion with resolve.

ADJOURNED:
Motion to adjourn: 6:10pm.

Moved: B. Butrick
Second: C. Durham
Passes Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary
NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter