

**New Haven Teachers Association/CTA/NEA**

**Representative Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010**

**I. Call to Order** Charmaine Kawaguchi, president

4:03 pm

**II. Additions to the Agenda**

A. *Motion:* Adopt the Agenda. Moved: Pace Lash, seconded: Vince Rosato, all in favor.

**III. Approval of the Minutes** Jennifer Carini

A. *Motion:* Approve the Minutes of January 6th, 2009. Moved: Jeff Ustick, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.

**IV. Elections Committee** Coleen Conley

The NEA RA delegate election is upcoming. Turn in candidacy form by 2/19.10.

**V. NHTA Executive Director** Nicole Love

Not here - sick

**VI. Information/Action Items (10 minutes)** Charmaine Kawaguchi

A. March 4th activities - statewide protest for public education. CTA is asking for disaster drills to be moved to that day, because our state budget is a disaster. We will leaflet our parents that day in the morning.

B. Community Outreach - Read Across America - is on March 2nd. Charmaine will extend invitations to the city council, firefighters, and police to ask them to read to our students. If you have an elementary class that you would like to have someone read to them, please let Charmaine know.

**VII. School Reports**

AE: nothing

EAS: Rainy days being called when it is sunny, thus making 30 minute lunches. The reps have told admin to fix it. There is no admin at 1st grade lunch and half or 2nd grade - they reminded admin that they expect teachers to be on

time to supervise kids; THEY need to be on time as well. A teacher was asked to supervise an in-house suspension all day in her classroom - told them (admin) that was NOT okay.

EM: nothing

HVC: lots of discussion of what a union rep's role is vs. and ILT members role; the school board no longer allows for report cards to be held for overdue books. With the current budget problems, is there any chance of a change in this policy?

KIT: nothing

PIO: had a good discussion with Derek about joining the ILT and SBDM teams. Questions by 1st grade teachers about the "optional" use of prep time for 4 weeks of Writing Workshop training. Teachers who did not use their prep may not get trained, which is inequitable. Teachers have declined the training because it could impact bargaining next year.

SEA: W-2's paycheck discrepancy; literacy coaches: how to accommodate all teachers; do we need literacy coaches next year? March 4th disaster drill will be done on the 5th, as the principal is out on the 4th; ILT is NOT being administrative

AMS: nothing

CCMS: the news about BW is causing much discussion

LOG: nothing - have not yet met with the principal this month

## **VIII. Officer Reports (10 minutes)**

A. President Charmaine Kawaguchi

1. Grievance and arbitrations -
2. Elementary Counselor grant - we have had federal money coming to us for Elementary counselors. The grant expires in June. The federal government document says that we can't file a new one because we are currently using the grant. Charmaine is looking into this situation to try to get the funds replaced so that we can still have elementary counselors. If the money is not replaced, 3 counselors district wide will be RIFed.
3. Rumors -

*Motion:* that the NHTA rep council is in opposition to the NHUSD school board's decision to re-open Barnard-White in Fall 2010, and in opposition in regards to the lack of community and staff input in the process. Moved: Jennifer Carini, seconded: Paul Stickland. The motion passes with a unanimous vote.

B. Vice-President Pace Lash

R & R flier - let people who have 25 years or are retiring know to fill out the flier

Budget meetings occurred last week

C. Treasurer Jeff Ustick

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.

**IX. Committee Reports**

A. State Council Report Paul Stickland and Charmaine Kawaguchi

There was not a lot of legislation this time. Charmaine brought a new business item about linking March 4th to disaster drills, and it was passed.

B. Contract Tidbit Rodana Breen

125 plan: Please educate your site members about what the 125 plan is.

X. **CTA-Unconscious Bias Training (75 minutes)** G. Watts and R. Russo

**XI. Announcements**

**XII. Adjournment**

Moved and seconded at 6pm.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Carini  
NHTA Secretary