

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

**Representative Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 4th, 2009**

**I. Call to Order** Charmaine Kawaguchi, president  
4:02 pm

**II. Additions to the Agenda**

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

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

**A.** *Motion:* Approve the Minutes of October 7th, 2009. Moved: Paul Stickland, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.

**IV. NHTA Executive Director** Nicole Love

Nicole is in Burlingame at a training.

**V. School Reports**

**AE:** confusion around PGAP. There has been confusion at the district office about PGAP. If anyone was denied, people should speak with their principal this week about doing PGAP.

**EAS:** problems with telephone training, prep is still happening during the language arts block for elementary teachers

**EM:** phones - were told available training times were during prep time, were told: "if you want to use the phone you need to go to the training." You cannot be made to go to the phone training during your prep. The fire station has been using the nearby city park to do their trainings and it has been approved by admin, but teachers were not aware of this situation. Charmaine has dealt with this situation, and things should be good now. H1N1 issue: there is a lot of serious misinformation going on. They will probably have a staff meeting about what teachers can and cannot do re: privacy and H1N1.

**HVC:** all-day kinders are supposed to have paras, there is only 1 for 6 classes. They have a pilot program with a SDC and regular teacher in the same room with no para, a para has been requested. One SDC has 16 students; they are waiting for EM to hire a SDC teacher to help alleviate the problem.

**KIT:** paras are supposed to be in the kinder classrooms, because numbers are at 22 right now they want to be fierce about this now. They would never have gone to all-day kinder if they realized that the paras wouldn't be there.

Kinder teachers are concerned that if numbers go to 30 next year then things will be really tough then.

PIO: there are safety issues with trucks and grass being mowed when students are outside at recess. Spoke with admin about SRT meetings during collaboration time, it would be good to have a staff-wide agreement for that.

SEA: do not have enough textbooks for all of the students, this was brought up at site consult, they were told to take a survey even though this survey has already been done. Charmaine will help with this. If you want to have students write Veteran's Day letters and cards, Debbie Wilson and Vince Rosato's wife will deliver them to veterans. Other sites may want to consider

AMS: have needed an ambulance twice in the last week, they are speaking with their administrators about their safety procedures

CCMS: power outage last week and phones did not work. We need to have a plan in case of this event. We need to have a phone number that we can all contact in case of emergencies. We also had a problem with teachers not getting preps and lunch during a WW training last week, the problem should be solved by next week.

LOG: nothing

## **VI. Officer Reports**

A. President Charmaine Kawaguchi

1. Grievance and arbitrations -same place as last month.
2. SB 19 - Gloria Romero's bill. We made a difference in that our local state senators voted against it, although the bill still passed. SB 19 addresses the four Race to the Top requirements:
  1. New standards for everyone, both national and international.
  2. Merit pay for test scores.
  3. Tie kids' test scores to teacher evaluations.
  4. Uncapping of the number of charter schools.

The bill made it out of appropriations last night. It is headed to the assembly next, but the assembly is recessed until January unless they get called back. We changed the mind of Sen. Corbett for sure. We will need to keep making these phone calls. Gloria Romero would like to be the new Secretary of Education.

3. School Board/Community Outreach - please promote the CPR classes that are in your packet. Classes are filling up quickly. You only have

to go to one session. The price is half the cost of doing it on the outside.

4. CTA Human Rights Award - please think of someone that should be honored

5. Temps and Leaves - if you know of any temps from 2007, please have them contact Charmaine

B. Vice-President Pace Lash

New teacher meeting on Tuesday 11/10 at 3:30pm. Please invite your new teachers to this event.

C. Treasurer Jeff Ustick

Jeff is not here today

## **VII Committee Reports**

A. Contract Tidbit Rodana Breen

Your email and school computer things belong to the district, and anything you do or send on your school computer are available to the district at all times.

B. Summer Institute Report Jennifer Carini

Postponed

**VIII. Breaking the Silence Training** Paul Stickland

## **X. Announcements**

## **Xi. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at

Respectfully,

Jennifer Carini

NHTA Secretary