

New Haven Teachers Association/CTA/NEA

Representative Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 2nd, 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: Pace Lash, all in favor.

III. Approval of the Minutes Jennifer Carini

- A. *Motion:* Approve the Minutes of November 4th. 2009. Paul Stickland and Gerri Bodine forgot to sign in; they were here. Moved: Jeff Ustick, seconded: Vince Rosato, all in favor.

IV. NHTA Executive Director Nicole Love

Race to the top was passed in the California senate; it is on the assembly floor this week. Mid-year cuts are likely. We will have a lot of work to do when we come back in January.

V. Information/Action Items (30 minutes) Charmaine Kawaguchi

- A. Letters and Postcards to Legislators - have your members write letters and bring them back to Charmaine, NHTA will mail them.
- B. Parent Involvement- involve parents with the letter writing activities.
- C. Upcoming Community Outreach activities

VI. School Reports

AE: Collaboration is rocky. If parents go through the steps to have their child retained, but the district passes them on anyway, what is there to be done? Why are retentions being overturned?

EAS: PGAP issue is still not resolved. Lower grades still have morning prep. Things that are being said in ILT are not being said at site consult. Collaboration - 2nd grade is saying "no" to what they are being asked to do.

The rest of the school is doing what the ILT team is saying to do. People seem OK with collaboration.

- EM: Feel task-oriented at collaborations, instead of student based. They are given lists of items to complete by their ILT team. Collaboration is not working. The work they are being given is taking up time that could be used for planning for student achievement.
- HVC: Their site consult was postponed. Elementary specialists are having larger class sizes due to the decision to not have combo classes. Collaboration is probably ILT directed. There have been trainings instead of collaboration, grade levels have also been called to meet with the principal during collaboration.
- KIT: People are happy with collaboration on Wednesdays. It is not known who decided Wednesday was the day. Grade levels are free to look at student work - it is not ILT directed.
- PIO: Collaboration is working a little better - ILT members are helping to communicate the collaboration concept to the administration.
- SEA: Too many things are put on the teachers during collaboration time. The time is eaten up from ILT or other places. Teachers are unhappy with collaboration. They are still waiting for teacher materials and manuals, extra student books for classes at 21 and 22. Student email access is spotty.
- AMS: nothing to report; collaboration is fine
- CCMS: Collaboration is fine. Grievance was filed about PE numbers. Document readers are not being distributed equally. ILT team members have not yet received their promised stipend.
- LOG: Collaboration is only 4 days per year; they would like more. The school day would need to be lengthened in order to do this.

VII. Officer Reports

- A. President Charmaine Kawaguchi
1. Grievance and arbitrations - meeting with the district on Monday about their grievances
 2. School Board/Community Outreach -
 3. CTA Human Rights Award - the applications are due before we meet again. People are in our district who should be honored.
 4. Temps and Leaves - Derek will tell the temps by Friday who is being converted.

B. Vice-President Pace Lash

Community outreach opportunities - car show/toys for tots, Farmer's Market - get a booth there, sponsoring youth league teams, book drive. This helps us get out in the community and be a positive presence there.

C. Treasurer Jeff Ustick

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

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Contract Tidbit Rodana Breen

Make sure your members know they should be on time to their yard duty/supervision...we are responsible for those students when we are on duty.

B. Summer Institute Report Jennifer Carini

Facebook information was presented

C. State Council Report Paul Stickland and Charmaine Kawaguchi

Race to the top information was dealt with at the state council.

IX. PLC - The Real Deal (30 minutes) Paul Hornbrook

X. Announcements - a Rock Musical will be put on at Searles on 12/16. Donations of gently used clothing can be dropped off at Emanuele for their holiday boutique. Charmaine will be at Jennifer Carini's winter concert to distribute fliers to parents...if you have events at your site, let Charmaine know!

Xi. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:02. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Carini

NHTA Secretary