

New Haven Teachers Association/CTA/NEA

Representative Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 4th, 2012

- I. Call to Order** Charmaine Kawaguchi, President
3:40 pm
- II. Additions to the Agenda**
- A. *Motion:* Adopt the agenda. Add item VIII. E. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.
- III. Approval of the Minutes** Jennifer Carini
- A. *Motion:* Approve the Minutes of November 2nd, 2011. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Pace Lash. All in favor.
- B. *Motion:* Approve the Minutes of December 7th, 2011. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Pace Lash. All in favor.
- IV. NHTA Executive Director** Nicole Love
Nicole is sick today
- V. Information/Action Items (15 minutes)** Charmaine Kawaguchi
- A. NHTA Discernment (N. Love) -
Next month's site question: How can NHTA improve communication between Executive Board, Rep Council, and members? Also, please check out www.newhaventa.org to see what is missing and what needs improvement.
- B. State Budget Update - there is no new news from CTA since Winter Break. The cut will be \$13 per child plus transportation. Funding for Special Ed transportation has been cut, even though we are Federally mandated to provide it. Therefore, we will have a little more than \$600,000 cut. We cannot negotiate any cuts until February. There will be another change in funding because of the impact of the Redevelopment Funds going back to the state, rather than staying in cities. If the redevelopment funds are enough to cover us, we may not have to make any funds. Education will receive 40% of the Redevelopment Funds that are going to the state.
- VI. School Reports**
- AE: had the PI walk, it was fine although they didn't get to Special Ed or specialists; you have to do language arts in the morning, with specific "common language" to be used by all teachers

EAS: feeling like they are getting too many site visits, people are feeling pressured about it, scheduling (not teaching 3 subject matters) and frequency is an issue; Charmaine is meeting with the Supt. about this issue on the 17th; if they won't change, we will change

EM: nothing to report

HVC: nothing to report

KIT: not here

PIO: do other sites have literacy coaches who will model lessons? Yes. Prep and lunch "trainings" type of things are happening at Pioneer.

SEA: had the Program Improvement walk; the teachers were exhausted afterwards; the PI team noticed that each grade level had different charts in their classrooms - teachers feel that they should not have to use the same exact materials to get to the same end

AMS: nothing to report

CCMS: will have the PI walk tomorrow and Friday; principal had ILT meeting today, on a union Wednesday; it would be nice if we could invite Kari to come to sites and speak with interested teachers at sites

CCHS: are plugging along with Readers Apprenticeship; have walk-throughs all of the time;

LOG: nothing to report

CAB: nothing to report

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Charmaine Kawaguchi

1. Grievance and arbitrations - same as last month
2. School Board/Community Outreach - spoke with Ms. Cheema; Charmaine will speak with board members about the lack of math and science time in elementary classrooms right now
3. PAC update - Exec. Board authorized \$12,000 to be moved to the PAC to help with the upcoming Parcel Tax
4. Retiree Trust Update - it is a little shy of \$3 million
6. Parcel Tax Update - it is out on survey right now to find out their interest level and what kinds of items they would like in the Parcel. By the 17th, we will have the results of the survey and draft the language for the Parcel Tax. The next Parcel Tax is on January 23rd.

B. Vice-President

Pace Lash

Happy New Year!

C. Treasurer

Jeff Ustick

Motion: to approve the treasurer's report. Moved: Pace Lash, seconded: Rodana Breen, all in favor.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Contract/Bargaining

Rodana Breen

Thank you for encouraging your members to stop by and vote on the latest calendar issues.

B. Organizing Team

Jen Nemecek, Pace Lash

The Organizing Team will meet at 4pm on next Tuesday January 10th.

C. Human Rights

Doris Gallagher

Not here

D. Women's Issues

Jennifer Carini

Nothing to report

E. Elections

Colleen Conley

Elections for NEA Delegates are upon us. If you would like to be a State Rep, please turn in the application to Charmaine by January 27th.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

Moved and seconded at 4:37pm.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Carini

NHTA Secretary