

Minutes for the Meeting of the GNTA Delegate Assembly
September 22, 2016

Call to order at 4:01 PM

- Amended the agenda so that UPTC co-Presidents start the meeting:
- UPTC co-Presidents Joanne Chen and Sara Moss presented to the DA
 - Thanked GNTA leadership and teachers for involvement in UPTC.
 - Appreciate open and frank dialogue with GNTA representatives over APPR
 - Hot topics for parents: food allergy, sleep deprivation, drug/alcohol use
 - We want to get back to the “T” in UPTC, like it was years ago, on the district-wide basis and not just in the schools
- Jim welcomed Sandy Kaufman to the EB; also asked that teachers identify themselves when they speak at DA meetings as a means to get to know each other a little better.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES without corrections.
- TREASURER REPORT (Maura Carroll). Two new desktops for GNTA office; made annual donation to GN student aid fund.
 - Tim Madden requested a treasurer’s report from August 31, 2016.
 - Maura stated that is done during the auditor’s report, goes out annual in April.
 - Tim requested an income/expenditures ratio.
- ANNOUNCEMENT and CORRESPONDENCE
 - NYSUT training session for BRC Chairs 4-7PM at South Middle.
 - New Members Reception (Oct 19) will be at SMS this year.
- EB REPORTS
 - Kim – SS reimbursement packages are due on 10/1 which is a Saturday; so KS will take them on Oct 5th (school closed on 10/3 and 10/4)
 - Luci – First Elementary chairs meeting on Thursday; conflict in March. Date changed from March 16 to Tuesday March 21
 - Jeff attended the UPTC summer Board meeting as a teacher representative and discussed the importance of having a teacher presence on UPTC committees.
 - Elaine Brendel discussed selection committees
 - GN hired 25 new teachers, and ran 14 committee’s this summer
 - Running 3rd annual training session this year on 11/8 (election day) 1:30 – 2:30 PM, open to Elementary and Secondary. Flier coming soon, well in advance. Training is a one and done proposition.
 - Jen Snyder discussed Professional Rights and Responsibilities (PRR)
 - Arbitration on personal day grievance will take place on 11/15.
 - Practice of payment to both chairs for split staff will continue
 - Inconsistent compensation for SAT/ACT coordinators is being looked into

- AFFILIATES UPDATE
 - Adult Learning Chapter and Office Staff have settled their contracts. Per diem still in negotiations. Paras are on route to impasse. Strong showing from paras at BOE; Pam Fogel and Barbara Konisberg made statement; EB went in support.

- COMMITTEES AND INITIATIVES –
 - PAC – Joan Greenberg thanked teachers for filling out NYSUT cards.
 - IOC – Cindy Pavlic– Continue partnership with COPAY. Need representatives from South Middle and NH (2 from NH). Meet the first Monday of every month (except Oct, which will be Sept 27 at the Cottage).
 - Elections Committee -- If you are interested in serving on committee let LG know. She will be acting chair for today's election and until new chair is chosen.
 - Building Initiatives – Our invitation to your BRC to come up with a clever creative way to reach out to parents. Snacks and fliers during Open House. Thanking parents for help with national rankings. History of GNTA.

- HOURLY ISSUE
 - Changes to the contract have impacted hourly with unintended consequences.
 - Some members were upset and caught off guard. We have been fielding these concerns from hourly. JD had a meeting with John Powell and Jennifer Kirby recently; JP is willing to speak at a special meeting with the membership on Thursday, September 29 at 4 PM in SHS in the Choral room. All welcome.

- AESOP/Frontline
 - Frank Bua spoke about correspondence received from the membership regarding new sub service. He and Jim will have a meeting with Jennifer Kirby in the near future, and will follow up with the membership.

- BOE NEWS
 - Board announced intention to expand our pre-K program to North side.
 - Bond Initiative is \$80 million and will be voted on Valentine's Day 2017
 - BOE forming two new committees (Citizens Advisory, Financial Advisory) comprised of community members, teachers, Board Members and other admin.
 - Monique Bloom resigned from the BOE; Board will hold a special election

- ELECTION: MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR
 - Daniel Isaac was elected the new Middle School Director. Details about the vote are available on the GNTA website.

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 PM.