



Minnetonka Teachers Association

Members of Education Minnesota, NEA, AFT, Minnesota Local #7173

Governance Board Meeting District Service Center – April 19, 2017

In Attendance

Officers: Pres. Mary Benson, VP Ann Hersman, Treas. Maggie Velasco, Sec. Connie Kusche

Bldg Reps: David Olson, Julie Rothman, Mary Gabriel, Patricia Cespedes-Schueller, Christine Denson, Brendan McCashin, Sandy Katkov, Sandy Gosen, Jennifer Furness, Clint Fenner, Matt Gens, Tim Felty, Sonia Labs

Guests: Adam Janiak (EdMN Field Rep), Lynda Ihlan (Ed. MN Field Staff)

Absent

Brian Doudna, Linda Morantez, Jeri Goodspeed-Gross,

Call to Order

Time - 4:30 Presiding: President Benson

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted with alterations:

Secretary's Report

Minutes of April 5 meeting submitted for approval.

Motion by Sandy Gosen second by Sonia Labs to approve. Motion Carried.

Member Rights Kelly Pederson - no report

Treasure's Report

Treasure Velasco reported - no report

Vice-President Hersman reported Maggie Velasco, Connie Kusche and Ann worked on budget. Maggie will bring it forth at May 3rd meeting.

President's Report

President Benson reported

- Dave Olson is leaving to work in another district, hence we are short one negotiator.
- Negotiator discussion
- The open position of MTA negotiator for the position vacated by an elementary negotiator will be open to all MTA members. Motion by Matt Gens, second Jennifer Furness. Motion carried
- Dave's stipend will be prorated
- We will conduct negotiator interviews May 3rd.
- May 16 - first negotiation meeting

Old Business

- Secretary - seeking someone to fill the position of secretary
- EdMn Summer Institute at St. Ben's - Patricia is interested in going, if anyone else is interested, let Maggie know as she will register everyone.
- Elementary google doc about conference - provide input by May 3rd meeting.

New Business

- Middle School Meet & Confer - grading issues - students allowed to turn in work the day grades were due. MMW only - will talk to the principal first, if not resolved, the issue will be taken to Meet & Confer
- Reorganization - Julie & David are in charge, the date has been changed to June 5.
- District Summer Leadership Retreat - Ignite and Inspire Innovation - June 19-20, 8:30-3:30 in Eden Prairie. Christine Denson is going with her building, no one else is interested in going

Field Rep Report

- What can unions do for you has been presented in all buildings.
- Grants are available for small groups who wish to purchase snacks for gathering that are meeting to write letters to legislature members
- May 20 Education Rally
 - 11:00 Meet at Edina EdMn office
 - 12:00 head to main EdMn office
 - 1:30 gather at capitol
 - 2:00 rally at capitol
 - Sign up, bring others - family, friends, anyone who supports public education
 - General email about the event will be coming
 - Flyers will also be coming. These can be put in mailboxes or hand delivered
 - Email will be sent again

Legislative report

Tim Felty

- Breakfast Original Pancake house Sat. April 22. 8:00-9:30 - Cwodzinski is the only one who will be there.
- TRA committee meetings next couple weeks will be very important, pack the hall....

Building Concerns

GR - Patricia - asked what is being done to protect students in the case of parent deportation. We don't have an answer to this, we don't know if the district has a plan in place.

MME - Network crashed - students sat for 2 hours waiting to take MCA - testing cancelled - same thing happened the next day.

DH - some teachers are being told they are gone from the classroom too much. Most of the time it is district related, not random absence.

Future Agenda Items

Negotiator Interviews.

Adjournment

Motion by Sonia Labs second by Christine Densonto adjourn. Motion Carried.
Time – 6:00

Submitted: May 17, 2017
Connie Kusche, MTA Secretary
Approved : May 17, 2017