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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

PRESENT: Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Diane Boyle, Beth Caiola, Rob Burger, Diane Boccio, Christine Constantine, Shannon Lehnert, Laura Getman-Vaca, Jennifer Ronayne, , Paul Rondinella, John Zambriski, Nichole Johnson, Peter Leis, Leslie Sewell, Jeff Vitale, Rob Bachisin, Christine Dassler, Carolyn Paul, Frank Saladino, Charlie Hafner, Stefanie Litchult, Lisa Manzo, Joanna Zalewski, Kevin Keane

ABSENT: Leslie Sewell, Joanna Zalewski

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:36 pm

- Motion made by Chris Dolce and seconded by Frank Saladino to approve the January '21 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Additional CTA Scholarship for CHS Seniors 5:40 pm

- Motion was made by Kevin Keane and seconded by Rob Burger to approve an additional \$500 scholarship (Lucy) for CHS Seniors: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 4:37 pm: Chrissy Turner resigned as BOD Secretary. Rob Bachisin has been appointed to take over for the remainder of the year

COMMITTEES:

- 4:38 pm: District Health and Safety Committee Mtg cancelled: no reschedule
- 4:39 pm: Political Action - committee 100 is virtual this year (week of March 1st), Governor cut \$600 million from education, Still looking for candidates to run for Board of Education (Mark Warshaw and Eileen Panico positions)
- 4:41 pm: Emergency Fund - Ronkonkoma family thankful for CTA gifts after apartment caught fire, Slocum student with terminal illness (CTA donated \$250)
- 4:43 pm: Technology - Questions regarding the status of elementary chromebooks, kindergarten ipads. There's still a waiting list for secondary due to misleading directions. Many parents didn't sign up prior.
- 4:45 pm: Arbitration & Grievances – no new grievances, impact bargaining may settle some issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:47 pm: Tony sent another email regarding vaccinations. As of February 15th, more are eligible to receive vaccination. Must get vaccines on your own time (no district release time).
- 4:49 pm: Talk regarding 25/55 retirement eligibility again up in Albany.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4:51 pm: 4th & 5th grade curriculum - Input not consistent among different buildings. Dean Mittleman was unaware, has mtg in March with principals.

Was a fiasco this year for teachers. Anyone with input email Tony. Parents not happy with TA/Teacher split coverage.

- 5:00 pm: According to the directives: If half class is quarantined, teacher should only teach his 2.5 hrs. Do not stress over a situation district had no plans for.
- 5:05 pm: Virtual snow day issue in elementary: if we go to a virtual snow day, and teacher calls in sick, who covers? There's no district wide plan.
- 5:15 pm: NYSTRS Delegate Election - Kevin Keane, Laura Lee Flynn will remain. Lisa Manzo volunteered to represent. Need an election for delegates. Possible send email to membership?
- 5:20 pm: Supt. Conference Day – Dean Mittleman is working on schedule, should report back. Move day from beginning of year to March.
- 5:22 pm: Winter Coaches Stipends– District decided to pay for half season, half stipend. What happens if coaches need to quarantine? Rezza says if school related quarantine, they would still get paid. Recently someone said only get paid only if coaches hold Zoom meetings while out.
- 5:24 pm: Negotiating team met first time. Membership provided around 70 different topics for negotiation. In a 5 year analysis, our contract was better than most surrounding districts. Members should take into perspective the entire contract: lesson plans, approval personal days, etc. Not currently negotiating because district has no idea regarding state/federal aid.
- 5:32 pm: Virtual Ensemble - One building where started virtual ensemble in mornings, but other teachers don't have time in schedule. Currently on hold. Members feel free to contact Tony with any additional info.
- 5:33 pm: District snow days have been exhausted. Moving forward, snow days will be virtual. Expectation (in elementary) is to engage students and be available to the kids. Virtual Snow days are not teaching virtually.
- 5:43 pm: Paul Rondinella is joining Teacher Center board.
- 5:44 pm: Nothing new regarding Library Luau
- 5:45 pm: Quarantine - If quarantining due to travel situation, use your own days. If quarantine due to family situation: may be on district time.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Interim Secretary