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

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

ABSENT: John Zambriski, Leslie Sewell, Diane Boccio

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:38 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:42 pm

- Motion made by Frank and seconded by Carolyn Paul to approve June, July, August '21 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Scholarships 5:40 pm

- Motion made by Brad Lindell and seconded by Chris Dolce to approve 11 scholarships at \$500 each: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donation for Custodian Recognition 5:43 pm

- Motion made by Frank Saladino and seconded by Paul Rondinella to spend up to \$100 per building for custodians: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donations to Community Organizations 5:45 pm

- Motion made by Chris Dolce and seconded by Ellen Perz to donate \$500 (per league) to local community organizations: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donation for ALS Tee Sign 5:48 pm

- Motion made by Rob Bachisin and seconded by Kevin Keane to donate \$250 for ALS Tee Sign: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Donation for ALS Dinner 5:49 pm

- Motion made by Frank Saladino and seconded by Shannon Lehnert to donate \$500 for ALS Benefit Dinner: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Tony is having trouble with his optimum email. If you email him and receive no response within 24 hours, use this email: granluxvacation@optonline.net
- Welcome Meg Anderson, an alternate for Diane Boccio
- Welcome Rob Lehnert, newly elected high school CTA representative
- Sick bank was under 1000 and needed to be replenished this year

COMMITTEES:

- 4:45 pm: District Health & Safety Committee
 - Nothing to report
 - Inform Tony of any issues
 - District seems to be following through regarding mask issues
 - District will display daily breakdown of quarantines/ COVID cases will be displayed on website (link to COVID info)

- High School – how to best report students who continue to disobey mask rules (under nose/chin). Administration needs to have consequences. Reps meet tomorrow with principal
- 4:54 pm: Political Action
 - Push for Vote Cope at new teacher meeting in August
 - Anyone interested in donating to Vote Cope (\$1-\$2), email Jeff at ctajvitale@optonline.net
- 4:55 pm: Public Relations
 - New teacher orientation was huge success 60-70 over the last 2 years
 - Email ctamembers-pr@optonline.net for anyone who did not receive a red folder at orientation
 - Lisa and Joanna met new director (Alexa) of Children's Center over the summer. They prefer ordering from Amazon Wish List.
 - Welcome back party was cancelled due to pandemic
 - June 21, 2022 – Retirement Party at Land's End remains hopeful
 - Hospital donations / Birthday in a Box: Some organizations are accepting donations, some utilize Amazon Wish List
- 5:01 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Nothing to report.
- 5:01 pm: Technology
 - Open line of communication with Alise Pulliam, Technology Director
 - Duffield: the issue with the removal of older desktops is being addressed
 - District is awaiting an order of smartboards that was supposed to be in last June.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 5:05pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Grievances with regard to former special ed coordinator in limbo
 - Academic freedom grievance slated for arbitration later this month
 - New grievance regarding a member continuously being involuntarily transferred
 - Still pending: grievance regarding request for additional sub plans
- 5:07 pm: Lesson Plans, Live Stream, Google Classroom
 - Meeting with Dean re: lesson plans, live stream, google classroom tomorrow to help minimize burden on teachers. After consulting with NYSUT, discovered it is management's right and not a negotiable issue
 - If lesson plans take too much time, it can be a possible impact bargaining issue
 - Google classroom should not be a daily use tool
 - Live stream quarantined high school students - why not instruct just like home tutoring? District wants live streaming. Administration assures only quarantined students eligible for live stream
 - Teachers should hold off live streaming until tomorrow's meeting
 - Question on how to convey quarantined students to teachers: in high school, parent contacted guidance. Is that sufficient?
- 5:21pm: Negotiations – Passive Resistance
 - Meeting next Tuesday to exchange proposals
 - Remind members of extra workload they carry (back to school, additional GCN, etc.) and administration continuously demanding more. Follow your contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5:33 pm: H.S. Night Conference

- Parent teacher conference in evening November 8th for high school in addition to election day. Concern over security based on parents attending last board of education meeting.
- 5:49 pm: Quarantining (Childcare issues & Close Contact)
 - As per the Department of Labor, paid leave for up to 3 times infection (last year included), otherwise use your time. Keep it simple.
 - Use your leave days for child issues or can stream from home. Contact principal. It is principal's responsibility to have camera set up.
- 5:55 pm: St Jude Donation – Virtual Walk/Run
 - Thanks for all who donated, \$25 short of \$2000
- 5:58 pm: Other
 - Information regarding non-vaccinated testing will come out later this week (State mandate, nothing contractual about it).
 - Increase GCN Training 6 additional nonmandated video trainings adds hours to the teacher's workload

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:09 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary