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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

PRESENT:

Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Jeff Vitale, Lisa Manzo, Joanna Zalewski, Christine Dassler, Rob Lehnert, Leslie Sewell, Shannon Lehnert, Frank Saladino, Christine Constantine, Beth Caiola, Stefanie Litchult, Kevin Keane, Diane Boccio, John Zambriski, Diane Boyle, Jennifer Ronayne, Paul Rondinella, Charlie Hafner, Gina Cerulli

ABSENT:

Rob Burger, Anita Ekstam, Nicole Johnson, Carolyn Paul

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

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:39 pm

- Motion made by Rob Lehnert and seconded by Brad Lindell to approve March '22 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Fund for Cohalen 4:52 pm

- Motion made by Lisa Manzo and seconded by Diane Boyle for \$500 to spend for the Cohalan Children's Complex: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Emergency Funds 5:06 pm

- Motion made by Ellen Perz and seconded by Christine Constantine to purchase \$1300 worth of gift cards for the emergency fund: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Scholarship Fund 5:55 pm

- Motion made by Joanna Zalewski and seconded by Lisa Manzo for \$250 towards the Lucy Puglin Scholarship Fund: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Retirement Gifts 6:40 pm

- Motion made by Ellen Perz and seconded by Kevin Keane for \$1750 for the purchase of retirement gifts: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:40 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
 - Nothing to report
- 4:41 pm: Political Action
 - Jeff attended the virtual Committee 100
 - Senator Weik wants funds to stay in public schools
 - There's a decrease in enrollment in education courses in the state, may result in teacher shortage in the future
 - Teachers on Tier 6 must work until 63.
- 4:47 pm: Public Relations

- Cohalan Complex's needs are now on an Amazon registry
- Retirement party June 21, 2022 at Lombardi's on the Bay
- Honoring retirees from this year as well as past two years
- 5th Grade graduation will be discussed at next meeting in May
- 5:02 pm: Emergency Fund
 - \$250 gift card to Mike Inazze (Duffield)
- 5:06 pm: Technology
 - Nothing to report
 - RMS reports positive feedback regarding printing from the cloud
- 5:13 pm: Additional Committee Reports
 - Discipline committee
 - Elementary: schools are willing to participate
 - CHS: discipline is not consistent
 - Math/Literacy Committee
 - Ms Poppe is steadfast in keeping TC (Teacher's College) program
 - Looking for ways to support the curriculum
 - Use additional workbooks, TC training
 - Wants to keep it homegrown
 - Mrs. Burger is looking to ween out the math program (doesn't meet future standards) and find another to replace it with
 - "Coach" Committee
 - Teachers split on coaches vs TAs and push ins
 - Is there a possibility for meeting somewhere in middle?

OLD BUSINESS:

- 5:47 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Academic freedom grievance arbitration met last week. First hearing session in next couple weeks
 - Nurse prep period pushed back to after break
 - Grievances: Health and Safety
 - Association gathering data for complaints
 - Use of cameras to monitor teachers (Step 3)
- 5:50 pm: Other
 - Association Memorial Scholarships
 - MJ Shortall Scholarship for a graduating senior who received speech therapy pursuing college
 - Lucy Puglin (music student) is currently being done privately
 - Pat Troniar Scholarship for a special education student pursuing college
 - Sick bank: teachers can be on the sick bank for 18 months. 60 work days at 100%, after that drops to 75% (teachers lose seniority during this time).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6:01 pm: School Board Election Update
 - Association is supporting Sara Smith
 - Needs unification during this time
 - Looking for volunteers to put up signs (district residents)
 - Need volunteers for knocking on doors, manning phone banks (only to NYSUT residents)
- 6:34 pm: Other
 - Ms. Poppe providing after-school teaching opportunities via grant funds.
 - Next CTA BOD meeting will be at CTA office at 4:00 pm

- Questions regarding Wellness Day in elementary schools
- Elementary teachers can now sub for pay, have rugs back in classrooms

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary