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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 2022

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Anita Ekstem, Charlie Hafner

CALL TO ORDER: The zoom meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:38 pm

- Motion made by Christine Dassler and seconded by to Kevin Keane approve the February '23 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Birthday in a Box Donation 4:51 pm

- Motion was made by Lisa Manzo and seconded by Chris Dolce to approve \$250 donation to Birthday in a Box: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:40 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
 - Nothing to report
- 4:40 pm: Political Action
 - Jeff attended Committee 100 this past week, met with local representatives. Discussed:
 - Charter school is trying to get into Connetquot Area (student funds go with child)
 - Support money for teacher centers
 - Educated representatives in APPR
 - Proposed school lunches free for all
 - Tier 6
- 4:48 pm: Public Relations
 - Cohalen Cares fundraiser this Thursday
 - Retirement Party June 20, 2023 at Land's End
- 4:51 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Two families from Sycamore (Morales and Gioli families) lost fathers
 - Lozado family in Cherokee
- 4:53 pm: Technology
 - Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:54 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Awaiting decision from nurse arbitration
- 4:59 pm: Negotiations

- Have a tentative agreement. MOA currently being drawn up, we need to ratify, and then board approval
- 5 years: 1.25%, 1.25%, 1.3%, 1.3%, 1.35%, retroactive for past 2 years (2021-22 and 2022-23)
- Insurance percentage per year: 15%, 15%, 16%, 17%, 18%
- Anyone 1st eligible retiring during the length of contract will retire at insurance rate of 15%
- Anyone retiring not 1st eligible pay at going rate
- Any new hires (starting next year) will have insurance rate of 20%
- Buyback will continue to receive their buyback (around \$14000). Anyone opt out after 2018 around \$12000. **Numbers are estimated, not exact.
- Give up 3rd year of just cause for tenure track
- Not giving back leave time, still have ¼ and ½ days
- 4:55 pm: PR/Media Specialist
 - Send anything positive teachers do to Cathy Mongiello at cathydrew8@aol.com
- 4:57 pm: Claire Update
 - Slow recovery, delayed surgery due to COVID, currently in rehab.
- 5:30 pm: Other
 - CTA shirts on backorder, but will be in shortly

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5:50 pm: Other
 - KIC (Keep Islip Clean) spot near Creative Ministry in Oakdale is available, we will be responsible for physical cleanup couple times a year, Islip will provide cleanup materials
 - Superintendent search: no new news
 - Brian Frank currently taking over principal for Sycamore
 - Louise Burger currently taking over principal at high school

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:02 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary