

Byram Hills Teachers Association
Meeting of Executive Council
January 8, 2008

Attendance: D. Bruskewicz, J.Black, B. DiMartino, L. Bastone, M. Hubertus, M. Roberts, S. Tyrrell, P. Cerreta, M. Chunev, C. Lewick, C. Beck, D. Glim, R. Drake, S. Davies, A. Lovelace, J. Toscano, J. Rowell, K. Russell, R. Singh

Agenda for January 8 was accepted.
Minutes of December meeting were approved.

President David Bruskewicz reported on several administrative positions in the District which will have new hires announced in the near future:

- Chris Borsari has been appointed as Byram Hills High School principal.
- Director of Curriculum and Science Chair are in interview process.
- Coman Hill principal will be announced at Jan 8 BOE.
- Math chair and guidance chair are still open positions.
- Several positions in business office and personnel are open at DO.

Article 29 of the Byram Hills contract deals with staffing practices and will be reviewed for modification by administration and BHTA.

Harry Wilson from NYSUT will be conducting a "Know your Contract" training after today's meeting. It is intended that representatives then conduct such training in each of the schools.

The Negotiating Team will be forming soon and the faculty will be informed and polled for interest in joining. Perspective team members need to be familiar with the time commitment and the stipend that accompanies this position.

Nominations for the Representative Assembly will be accepted. The NYSUT RA will be held in New York City on April 10-12. The assembly considers and votes on resolutions that affect educational policy, retirement, and pensions. Candidates for public office often appear and speak at the assembly. Three delegates and one alternate are needed.

A meeting was held for extracurricular moderators who handle monies. This was to train them on the new policies recommended by the District auditors. Attendees report that further training will be necessary, and that it would be more effective in smaller groups. David will pass along the feedback to DO.

Jim Alloy will address the Crittenden faculty to explain more complete implementation of AESOP, moving toward a paperless process for teacher absences. Jim is changing the wording of the AESOP application so that it is compatible with our contract language. Only the procedure for use of sick days/personal days will be changing, not its practice.

Jane Black, Sasha Davies, Robin Drake, Mike Hubertus, and Jen Rowell have volunteered to review BHTA bylaws. When they meet, they will address limiting the right of the BHTA president to unilaterally sign agreements with the District on behalf of the entire faculty. They can spell out exact circumstances when the BHTA president needs to come to the Council before making such an agreement.

Jane Black presented the Vote-Cope summary: 206 faculty members out of 256 (80.4%) contributed a total of \$7893. This put our average contribution at \$30.83.

The NYSUT Food Bank Drive will be held from Jan 26 to Feb 8. Bob DiMartino will email the faculty. Each building VP should arrange to have boxes for food collection.

Faculty updates were sent to Bob DiMartino to include in the BHTA Newsletter. Flowers will be sent in memory of Kate Robbins from the BHTA.

Executive Session followed.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:11

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Bastone
Secretary