

Byram Hills Teachers Association
Meeting of Executive Council
December 4, 2007

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

Minutes of November 13th were distributed. Vote to approve will take place at the next meeting. No Treasurer's report was distributed.

David Bruskwicz reported that BHTA has reaffirmed its previous recommendation that all new appointments be made according to the procedure that was agreed upon by all. If that procedure needs to be modified, then BHTA will participate in a discussion to set future policy.

All school Treasurers and extra curricular Advisors will be asked to follow specific procedures in their handling of money in order to comply with the recommendations of the Auditors. Workshops will need to be scheduled to explain these new policies and procedures to all Treasurers and Advisors.

A meeting to inform the faculty of our new medical administrator, POMCO, will be held on December 17th, and will be conducted by SWSCHP Executive Director Herb Friedman. He will be available to explain any differences in policy, answer any questions, and assure members that our medical plan remains the same - only the administrator changes. This change was brought about by the inefficiency of previous administrators Empire. Bob DiMartino will send email reminder of the meeting to all faculty.

BHTA representative training will continue in January. Harry Wilson will conduct the next training session on January 8th, after the regular BHTA meeting.

AESOP will expand its services to include on-line application and approval for teacher absences. In addition, faculty will ultimately be able to see the tabulation of their attendance record and accumulated sick days. This new process will be demonstrated at faculty meetings in December at Wampus and Crittenden, and in January at BHHS and Coman Hill. It will be implemented in a few months. Members should be reminded that all planned absences require a 72 hour notification, unless it is a true emergency.

Vote-Cope collections are almost finalized, and the average faculty contribution exceeded \$28. Thank you to all contributors.

The January Food Drive will be conducted in each school, and Vice-Presidents should begin to assemble collection boxes. Bob DiMartino will announce drive via email.

Faculty updates for the newsletter were shared with Bob DiMartino.

Executive session followed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:09.