

WA-WMEA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes from September 5, 2007

Executive Board Present: Beth Ludeman, Greg Wall, Maureen Marek, Nancy Nienhuis, Peg Oberbeck, Kathy Ceel, Angela Bina, Lynn Herbst, Sandy Nass, Chris Morrissey, Julie Stringer, Lynn Malloy, Chad Lehman, Jeff Sikich

Guest: Linda Weaver, WSC President & WEAC Director

Meeting called to order by President Ludeman at 4:09 PM

Minutes from the August 17, 2007 Executive Board Meeting were accepted as printed.

President Ludeman

- The "I Can Do It!" training that Lynn Herbst and Beth conducted on August 24th with our newest members was successful. Beth will compile the feedback we received into a document to share with the Executive Board at the Executive Board meeting, and will also be shared with the District at the Labor Management meeting on September 11th. Thanks to Angela Bina, who coordinated the luncheon and organized the membership registration portion; and to Linda Weaver, Julie Stringer, Chad Lehman, Chris Morrissey, and Greg Wall for assisting with the luncheon activities. We will be sending postcards to these new members to remind them about tips for a successful start to the year from the training. We also had an opportunity to introduce USEFULL (United Southeast Educators For Understanding Licensure and Learning) to, and collected contact information from, them in order to apprise them of future local and UniServ events. Beth will be organizing a list by building of our new members by next week so that she can urge our Building Representatives to make personal contact with them and answer any lingering questions they may have, if they have not done so already.
- Beth would like feedback from the Board about whether it would be worthwhile to conduct the "Stranger Than Fiction" excerpt (with cookies and milk) at the Representative Assembly next week.
- Beth distributed a School Board meeting sign-up sheet at Wednesday's meeting. It is partially completed, based on a GREAT suggestion to organize building attendance around the principals' presentations that have been scheduled by the superintendent's office. Any needed changes and/or deletions can be taken care of between Wednesday's meeting and the September Representative Assembly.
- Beth would again like to introduce the Executive Board Liaison program with each school, she will bring a list to the meeting on Wednesday so that we can be in more regular contact with Head Building Representatives in assisting them with problems and challenges that arise between Representative Assembly meetings.
- Beth is in contact with BOE Director Stalewski regarding the PTA Council's competition to see if the Association can play a role in the program, and if so, what support the Council would be anticipating. Beth

- will provide a report on same if Director Stalewski and Beth are able to discuss it further between the filing of this report and the Executive Board meeting. Beth will also discuss with Stalewski the liaison position and see if we have a Building Representative this year who would like to serve in that capacity.
- Beth received a call from WEAC President Mary Bell who was responding to a call she received from a WA-WMEA member. Due to confidentiality and due process rights, we will discuss it in Executive Session at Wednesday's meeting.

WSC President & WEAC Director Linda Weaver

- **USEFULL ROLLS OUT**

- **USEFULL** (United Southeast Educators For Understanding Licensure and Learning) is a program that will establish the United Education Profession building as a UniServ **Licensing Center** that will help new and veteran members with their development and verification of Professional Development Plans (PDPs) and other aspects of PI 34.
- **USEFULL** was founded over the summer by UniServ Presidents of Council #10, Lakewood, North Shore, TriWauk and West Suburban Council (West Allis & Wauwatosa School Districts). We join UniServ presidents across the state who have expressed a willingness to have their offices become UniServ Licensing Centers. In fact, WEAC Teaching & Learning will support us as we work to assist members through various workshops at our Brookfield office.
- **USEFULL** targets include initial educators, mentors, veteran master educators, and educational support professionals. Watch for a survey about the project that will help us develop a program that will be most beneficial to members.
- We will present the first of five (5) workshops, ***PI 34 Goal Writing and Approval***, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 4**, at the United Education Profession Brookfield, which will be repeated on **Monday, October 8**. This workshop will be limited to the first 20 people for each date, and requests participants to bring their laptops because we will have wireless capacity.
- **If you are a DPI-trained PDP verifier and would like to assist your colleagues with their PDPs, please contact us at weaverl@wi.rr.com.**
- Other 2007-08 **USEFULL** workshops this year will include: (Dates and times to be determined.)
 - PI 34 Review Team Training
 - Writing a PDP
 - Working with Medically Fragile Students in the Classroom
 - Classroom Discipline

- For more information about USEFULL, please contact Linda Weaver at weaverl@wi.rr.com
- **PDP Goal Writing & Approval Nights For Initial Educators & Mentors**
 - **Limited space so register early for this PDP workshop!**
 - Initial educators and their mentors are invited to a working session of PDP goal writing on **Thursday, October 4th or Monday October 8th at 5:30** both nights.
 - Educators can bring their wireless laptops and learn how to write PDP-acceptable goals, how to access resources for meeting their objectives, how to store their PDPs online, and will have an opportunity to get their goals approved by DPI certified reviewers.
 - **Space is limited so register early!**
 - Register with Sharon Hering at herings@weac.org or call 262-789-6000 today!

Vice President Jeff Sikich

- No Report

PR&R Chair-Secondary Peggy Oberbeck

PR&R Chair-Elementary Nancy Nienhuis

- Important dates to remember:
 - Sept 25 - Official transcripts due for salary classification and advancement
 - Sept. 14 - Unit Verification forms due for those eligible
- Don't forget to fill out course approval forms for any classes you are taking this fall.
- School Computer use: Be careful how you use your computers in the school setting.
- Building Representative Training: Discussed the best time to have training sessions for building representatives. It was suggested to have the training at a Representative Assembly Meeting.

Negotiations Chair Chad Lehman

- No Report

Treasurer Greg Wall

- Updated Executive Board on current financial statements.

Public Relations/ Community Outreach Chair Lynn Herbst

- No Report

Executive Director Sandy Nass

- No Report

Director/ Events & Activities Chris Morrissey

- No Report

Director / Professional Development Maureen Marek

- No Report

Director/ Membership Angela Bina

- Angela is considering emailing the smaller schools forms for membership. She thanked everyone who helped out with the new teacher luncheon in August.

Director/Political Action/ Legislative Kathy Ceel

- Lobby Day in Madison had a very low turn out from WA/WM teachers. Part of the reason may have been the *Think Math* overlap or summer vacations. Whatever the reason, the Legislative/ Political Action committee will be working on making sure that we have a better turn out for the next one. We will also be working on how we can get a lot of active support for the critical presidential election in 2008.
- Congress is back in session after Labor Day and a main issue is the reauthorization of ESEA. There are currently 68 bills that have been introduced to the Congress that are in support of NEA's Reauthorization Agenda. Since they start the process this fall, it is critical that we cyberlobby the Congress and let them know we are behind NEA.
- The House of Representatives has approved a bill (H.R. 3043) and the Senate Appropriations Committee has also approved a similar bill (S1710) that would increase the funding for Title I, special education, Pell grants, and other programs under ESEA. President Bush promises to veto both bills if they ask for more money than he has set aside for education in his budget. Since, he has included \$10.8 billion **less** in funding than the bills, he is expected to veto them. At this time the Congress doesn't have enough votes to override that veto.

Communication/ Parliamentarian/Elections Chair Julie Stringer

- Deadline for the newsletter is September 5, 2007. A new improved website is up and running.

Unfinished Business

- August 17, 2007 Planning Reports: Discussed reports from planning sessions. An idea was shared about possible quarterly workshops to discuss frequently asked contract questions/issues for the membership.
- Meeting Structure: Discussed options for meeting within our sub-committees to plan for future needs. Possibly use time after Executive Board Meetings for sub-committee planning.
- PTSA Council:
 - Contest Programming: Beth will need to find out more about the contest.
 - Liaison Position: Jill Miller was the PTSA liaison last year. This will be brought forth at the Representative Assembly for discussion.
 - I Can Do It feedback: Beth still needs to compile the data. She will have the data ready for the Labor Management Cooperation Council.

New Business

- School Board Sign-up: Beth passed around a School Board Sign-up sheet for the Executive Board to review. Executive Board members need to sign up for two meetings.
- Executive Board Liaison list to schools was circulated.
- Stranger Than Fiction at Representative Assembly: Present this at January or February RA Meeting.
- New items for Labor Management Cooperation Council: Discussed items being brought forth to the next Labor Management Cooperation Council meeting.
- Executive Session: Went into Executive Session at 5:28 PM. Came out of Executive Session at 5:31 PM.
- Member Contact Form was passed out to look at. Beth will show the form to building representatives at the Representative Assembly next week.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angela Bina and seconded by Jeff Sikich.
Motion to adjourn the meeting passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary