

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Representative Assembly Meeting:

January 13, 2010

Schools Represented: Central H.S., Hale H.S., FLW Intermediate School, West Milwaukee Intermediate School, Lincoln Intermediate School, Hoover, Horace Mann, Irving, Jefferson, Longfellow, Madison, Mitchell, Pershing, Walker, Wilson

Executive Board: Maureen Marek, Nancy Nienhuis, Jim Kurovsky, Angela Bina, Sandy Nass, Heather Swenson, Julie Stringer, Lynn Malloy, Jeff Sikich, Linda Wamboldt, Ryan Rutz

President Jeff Sikich called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM at the UEP Building

The minutes of the November 11, 2009 RA Meeting were approved as printed.

President: Jeff Sikich

- Dan Burkhalter will be out Jan. 18th to Jan. 23rd for surgery.
- Jan. 19th is the next Usefull Meeting.
- Jeff informed the Representative Assembly of upcoming meetings and deadlines: Deadline is January 22, 2010 for submitting proposed amendments to the WEAC Constitution; By-laws or Standing Rules to the Executive Director
- WEAC Scholarship deadline to apply for the four education scholarships is February 20, 2010
- Nominations are due by February 23, 2010 for the following WEAC offices to be decided at the Representative Assembly in April: WEAC President (3 yr.), WEAC Vice president (3 yr.), NEA Director seat 2 (3 yr.), NEA Director seat 3 (3 yr.), Alternate NEA Director (1 yr.)
- Candidate qualifications for NEA RA will be posted in late January for voters to see during the election. Ballots will be issued in January and will be due back to the executive director's office by March 1, 2010. The elections results will be announced by March 15th
- March 13th Jeff will attend the Spring Local Presidents Meeting in the Dells.
- Heather Swenson is the Executive Board Member scheduled to attend the January 18th School Board Meeting
- .Mitchell is the school scheduled to attend the February 8, 2010 School Board Meeting.
- Jeff provided the RA with School Finance Network Update.
- Feb 3rd Executive Board meeting will need an alternative meeting site since the UEP Building will be closed that day.
- Race to the top funds deadline was January 12th.

Vice President: Nancy Nienhuis

- No Report

P R & R Secondary: Jim Kurovsky

- Jim updated RA on current issues at the high school level.

P R & R Intermediate: Heather Swenson

- Heather updated RA on current issues at the intermediate level. Reminded RA that it is important to write a response to evaluations. Make sure the response is factual when you write your response. The response can be sent to Human Resources to be placed in your file.

P R & R Elementary:

- Jeff updated the RA on current issues at the elementary level.
- We are still looking for someone to be the Elementary P R & R Representative.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Evaluation process. There is still confusion at all levels about how the evaluation process works.

Negotiations: Chad Lehman-Absent

- Julie reported for Chad regarding websites you can go to for information on a variety of topics

Treasurer: Ryan Rutz

- Ryan updated the Representative Assembly on current financial status (see attached green spread sheet)

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair: Linda Wamboldt

- Linda updated RA regarding school board elections. There will not be a primary this year. Six people are running for 4 spots.
- Jim Sullivan will use one of our schools as a back drop for a piece he is doing for school finance reform and his reelection.

Director/Membership: Angela Bina

- Keep Angela updated with name or address changes as well as the names of new members.
- Angela will be sending out a rooster to head building representatives get ready for our upcoming elections.

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

- Sandy updated the RA on current issues and concerns.
- End of January is the time that the district will notify probationary teachers of non-renewing their contract.
- The end of February is the deadline for Post Probationary non-renewals.
- Sandy addressed the CDO and indicated the situation is being monitored by an attorney. It has been advised by their attorney that the District does not speak to the press. The process may take from two to three years to get resolved. The District decided not to tax to the maximum this year.

Director/Events & Activities/Public Relations/Community Outreach Chair: Chris Morrissey-Absent

- No Report

Director/Professional Development: Maureen Marek

- No Report

Communications/Parliamentarian and Elections Chair: Julie Stringer

- Julie addressed the upcoming elections in March. Nominations start now. Turn in nomination papers to Julie by January 27th. Nominations will be taken on the floor of the next RA Meeting if the nominee is present or a signed acceptance form is available.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Question was brought forward regarding how long you get to work on report cards, when report cards go home, no consistency when report cards go home among schools, amount of comments on report cards and about the quarter closing date. Jeff will try to bring these questions forward at the Labor Management Meeting tomorrow night.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angela Bina and seconded by Dana Azzolina. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary