

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Representative Assembly Meeting:

February 10, 2010

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

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

President Jeff Sikich called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM at the UEP Building

The minutes of the January 13, 2010 RA Meeting were approved as printed.

President: Jeff Sikich

- February 22nd Pershing and March 8th West Milwaukee Intermediate School/Chris Morrissey-Executive Representative are those responsible for attending the School Board Meetings
- February 23rd WEAC officer nomination DEADLINE
- Feb 20th is the deadline to apply for WEAC Scholarship
- March 3rd and 4th Teacher As Hero event (see flyer sent previously).
- WEAC Winter Conference will be held in Middleton on Feb 26th and 27th and in Wausau on March 5th and 6th.
- On February 20th an Interim Director will be elected to the WEA Trust Board.
- There will be a \$1300 stipend for those elected to the NEA Convention this year
- March 6th is the next Useful meeting (see email that Jeff sent out).
- On March 13th Jeff will be in the Dells at the local presidents meeting.
- WRS is having a meeting regarding retirement at Nathan Hale on March 24th (7:00 to 8:30 PM). If you plan on attending please RSVP by March 19th
- Ballots for the NEA election need to be returned to Jeff when completed.
- Read Across America bookmarks are available for each school. Let Jeff know if your school would like to have Guy Costello, Vice President of WEAC, read during Read Across America Week dressed up as the cat in the hat.

Vice President: Nancy Nienhuis

- No Report

P R & R Secondary: Jim Kurovsky

- Jim updated the RA on current issues at the Secondary level. A grievance was brought forward and filed by Central High School regarding CAP. Discussion ensued.

P R & R Intermediate: Heather Swenson

- Heather updated the RA on current issues at the Intermediate Level. Remember to contact your PR&R Representative as soon as you have an issue or concern.

P R & R Elementary:

- Jeff updated the RA on current issues at the Elementary Level.

Negotiations: Chad Lehman - Absent

- No Report

Treasurer: Ryan Rutz

- Ryan updated the RA on current financial status.
- Remember to check your December pay check stub for the amount of union dues that can be taken off for tax purposes.

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair: Linda Wamboldt

- Linda attended the final presentation for School Board Elections. Linda is working on getting a committee together to interview candidates. Dana Azzolina and Jill Miller volunteered to be on the interview committee. Linda and Kathy Ceel will get together to formulate questions along with the interview team for the interviewing process.
- Linda encouraged members to get an absentee ballot if you will be out of town during the election. Remember your vote does count. There are some important races that are coming up in West Bend and Waukesha. Linda will keep us posted.

Director/Membership: Angela Bina - Absent

- Please keep Angela informed about any changes to membership status so she can keep the membership roster current.

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

- 4 probationary teachers have been non-renewed; no post-probationary teachers have been non-renewed at this time.
- Sandy shared information regarding changes to insurance plan. The change in insurance benefits is about a 2% increase due to the changes in the insurance law. The impact of these increases and how they may affect the salary schedule will be reported at the May RA when more information is gathered.
- 17 people have requested early retirement for 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 went over the nominations for the upcoming March election. Nominations were solicited from the floor. The election will take place the week of March 8th.

Julie will be in touch with FLW Intermediate School to be the host school to count the ballots.

Unfinished Business

- Jeff addressed time frame for Parent-Teacher Conferences and referred to email Kristin G. sent out in October.

New Business

- Jessica Thimm reported on the Midwest Leadership Conference she attended. Issues addressed included cyber-lobbying regarding at risk students and safety issues in schools. Jessica talked about participation in the 2010 Census. She relayed information about workshops she attended on stress in the workplace and dealing with difficult behaviors in the classroom.
- Question was brought up regarding the Evaluation Cycle. It was suggested to ask your principal where you are on the cycle if you are uncertain about where you are in the evaluation process. Kristin G. would be willing to come out to schools to meet and explain the process upon your request.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Heather Swenson and seconded by Ben Anderson. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary