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***“Working Together for our Kids”***

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes LOCATION: CAMPUS CAFE**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2015 Dinner: 3:30 Meeting Begins: 3:45**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:58p.m. *A moment of silence was given in memory of Mayor Collins.*
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Gina Kasper motioned to accept the January minutes. Maria Snodgrass seconded. Motion passed.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   1. The elementary caucus was discussed. The date was changed due to some things that happened at Meadowvale. The new date is Wednesday, February 18th at 3:45. It will be held in a kindergarten classroom. Please email your concerns to Maria Snodgrass so we can work to find solutions. This is a chance to tell Central Office how hard we are working and what kind of support we need.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
   1. **ACTIVITIES – *Emily Schifko, Chair:***
   2. **AUDIT & BUDGET (Treasurer’s Report) –*Rhea Young, Chair:*** Jen Gent motioned to accept the December treasurer’s report. Fritz Schermbeck seconded. Motion passed. Fritz Schermbeck motioned to accept the January treasurer’s report. Derek Meyer seconded. Motion passed.
   3. **BANQUET –*Joy Krajewski, Chair:*** The banquet is set for April 23rd. On our last snow day Joy, Rhea, and Chris met with Jane Patrzalek, our caterer, to decide on the colors for the banquet this year. They will be red and black in a chevron pattern. In addition, the menu will include a roast beef, chicken with optional marcela sauces, red potatoes, garden vegetables, cake pops, and pie station. Invitations will be out by early March with a deadline of April 2.
   4. **AWARDS, *Heather Densmore, Chair:*** The Awards Committee will likely send out the nomination info on March 1st and accept nominations till March 31st. If anyone is interested in serving, please contact Heather Densmore if interested. They would really like to have some elementary teachers on this committee.
   5. **CALENDAR – *Paula Giovanoli, Chair:*** Calendars results are in, pending board approval.
   6. **COMMITTEE TO ELECT –*Matt Durham, Chair:***Dan Ramos (OEA Political Advocacy Consultant), states that with FCPE, per our FCPE C&B you are able to request 25% of the total amount your local has contributed to FCPE in a year to be refunded to your local PAC for your use to support local candidates you are supporting. As for the local school board campaign, if there are local candidates you are looking to support and they want to get some training on how to write a campaign plan, a field plan and fundraising, OEA and a coalition named LEAD OH are hosting a candidate training on March 28th in Toledo.  We don’t have a location yet, but we should soon.
   7. **EDI –*Jason Schreiner, Chair:***
   8. **ELECTIONS *– Jen Mayo, Chair:*** If anyone is interested in serving as a delegate to the NEA RA this summer in Orlando, please contact Jen Mayo by February 20th. It lasts a week and consists of morning meetings and afternoon meetings that end at an undetermined time. Currently Jen Gent and Chris Hodnicki have expressed interest in attending.
   9. **GRIEVANCE - *James Terry, Chair:*** Even though there have been several issues, nothing has had to move to a grievance.
   10. **HCCC – *Linda Markowiak, Chair:***

1. Recent problems with CVS Caremark should be fixed. Items were incorrectly flagged in the computer system for our prescriptions.If you continue to experience problems with CVS Caremark, please document it, and report it to Beckie Richards or Jeff Fouke in the Treasurer’s Office.

2. The Wellness committee discussed the possibility of a plan in the future to see how many people log into their wellness account to show how many people are trying to be healthy. This may help to keep our Paramount rates from going up.

* 1. **HISTORIAN – *Melissa Hieronimus, Chair:***Please send pictures to Melissa Hieronimus and Dana Edmonds who uploads them to the TAWLS website at tawls.ohea.us or under links on the WLS Teamwork page
  2. **HUMAN RELATIONS/PUBLICITY – *Jennifer Gent& Wendy McCall, Chairs:***

1. Jen apologizes for not getting the TAWLS Tuesday out this week, but she did not have internet in her classroom the entire day. She has the new desktop version of Outlook which means that now she has to rebuild her entire TAWLS member email list. It may take a while.

2. Remind 101 update- There is a list of people they are hopeful to have signup. Some people were having trouble getting the messages and a suggestion was made to try not having the @ sign before TAWLS on the phone.

3. Four TAWLS members went to see Rise Against the Mark at Northview. Things in Indiana are very similar to things happening here. We need to encourage people to like *Northwest Ohio Friends of Public Education* on Facebook. We need to come together as a state and educational community.

4. Testing: If parents opt out of having their children take the tests, it counts against the district and the teacher. Chicago schools are refusing to give the test and are waiting to see what happens with the federal government.

* 1. **LEGISLATIVE (FCPE) – *Julie Hogan, Chair:***
  2. **LPDC – Lori Bosch, *John Mohn, Mari Tate, Representatives:***
  3. **MEMBERSHIP – *Judy Thomaswick, Chair:***TAWLS Teacher Appreciation gift is tentatively set on providing all members with wooden handled umbrellas.
  4. **NEGIOATIONS – *Jason Schreiner, Chair:***
  5. **NEW TEACHER – *Michelle Hetzel, Kristin McCorkle, Chairs:***
  6. **POLICY – *James Terry, Chair:*** Nurses looked into the language about assisting students with diabetes and their proposals are being sent to the Board for approval.
  7. **SCHOLARSHIP – *Dana Edmonds & Heidi Hartman, Chairs:*** Remember to show that you care by ordering from the TAWLS store. ☺
  8. **NWOEA – *Jennifer Gent, Representative*** Next meeting is February 24th. The awards banquet is March 3rd.
  9. **OEA *–Rhea Young, Representative:*** There is a new OEA app that helps people find discounts and deals on a variety of places.
  10. **AFL-CIO: *Rhea Young, Jason Schreiner, Chris Hodnicki, Delegates:*** Meeting lasted less than one hour with a report on events and sponsorships by the AFL-CIO. AFL-CIO will be putting together a committee to develop a policy on how to help their affiliates with political action. The policy will focus on endorsing and supporting candidates for elections, especially school boards. Jason Schreiner and myself were in attendance and sworn in as delegates. We networked and made connections with the President and VP of TFT, Ohio Democratic Party Leadership, and AFL-CIO political activist. Notable upcoming events: Activist Training on Friday 4-17-15 from 8:30-5pm, National Train Day on May 2 from 9-4pm, FMLA Info at the UAW on Jackman on February 21 from 9-noon. We are allowed to have 6 delegates. It would be nice to have three more people volunteer to be a delegate, so there can be a rotation for attendance.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   1. Discussion was held about how students are on hours, but the staff is on days. This means that although we thought there were many calamity days, but our contract states that we have to start making up days after five. Administration is willing to discuss a possible change with that. The Toledo Federation of Teachers has switched to hours. People at the meeting all said that Chris should see if it is possible for us to make the switch to hours as well.
   2. Discussion was held about two hour delays and how some principals are saying that the delay is not for the staff. Some even call staff to see if they have left their houses yet if they are not at school by the regular start time. Other schools have principals who aren’t checking on arrival times for delays in any way. Some people said that they don’t leave their house until after 8 am on a bad weather day, because that seems to be the time when the decision is made to close. People don’t want to be on the road in bad weather if they could remain home. Mr. Hunter shared that in Perrysburg a two hour delay is for everyone. Chris will be discussing this topic with administration.
   3. If you lose your planning, you may time card that. Hopefully the building principal will try to work something out so people won’t lose planning for multiple days. There has been talk that if you give your own kids a test and miss your planning that you aren’t supposed to time card, but that is false. Any time you miss your planning, you are able to time card it. **If your principal refuses to sign your time card, try to get him/her to sign “refused to sign” on the card and send it to Chris Hodnicki. If that won’t happen, send the card to Chris any way with an explanation.** We need to come together to let administration know how much of our planning time is being taken away. At the high school, their PL for March is to be used to observe another teacher. They are trying to make sure they don’t go down the road of giving up PLs for subbing.
2. **PRESIDENT’S COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Raffle Drawing:** SueWagner and Felicia Singleton won a gift card.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *5:46p.m.*