

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
2521 Riva Road, Suite L7
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

MINUTES - Representative Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**CONCERNS
COMMITTEES**

Concerns Committees met at 5:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Russell Leone, at Severna Park Middle School, at 5:25 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF ORDER
OF BUSINESS**

Upon a motion by Jon Boughey, seconded by Amanda Pickering, the Order of Business with flexibility was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Melissa Sisk, seconded by Melissa Connelly, the Minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting were approved.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Linda McLaughlin, from Charles County, running for NEA Director, addressed the group.

Tamara Thumbtzen, running for TAAAC Secretary-Treasurer, addressed the group.

The following candidates, running for TAAAC Board of Director, addressed the group:

Robin Beers, represented by Karina Colón
Jan Delph
Allison Heintz
Elizabeth Ruddy
Reba Miller
Jorge Cordoba

10-MINUTE MEETING

Association Representatives who held their 10-Minute Meetings were recognized with Panera Bread Gift Cards.

BOD 10-Minute Meeting was held at 5:48 p.m. to discuss Association Elections.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 11 Logistics - President Leone shared a video on why it is important to show up on March 11 for the MSEA State Funding Rally in Annapolis.

Board of Education Public Hearing on the Budget - President Leone thanked everyone that made it out for the Board of Education Public Hearing on the Budget. TAAAC made the front page in The Capital.

President Leone reported that there will be another Budget Hearing on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Central Office at 6:00 p.m. Arrive at 5:00 p.m., if you plan to speak.

Next Steps - President Leone reported that he has several appointments set with Board members to continue testimonies. The Board of Education will vote on the Budget at the February 20 evening meeting. The Budget then goes to the County Executive.

Dr. Arlotto Meeting - President Leone reported on the discussions held at his meeting with Dr. Arlotto.

Teachers Pay Teachers - President Leone reported that there is not a reason for "Teachers Pay Teachers" to be blocked. It will be reopened.

Mark Mench reported that the IPD Committee has done Sparks and Reignite for several years. The committee thought it was time to refresh it and decided to hold Launch Into TAAAC. It will be held on March 15-16, 2019.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Budget - Bill Jones reported on the Superintendent's Budget Recommendation.

Negotiations - Bill Jones reported on the status of negotiations.

Circuit Court - Bill Jones reported that oral arguments were held supporting a Motion to Dismiss charges against TAAAC filed by a teacher who was expelled from TAAAC membership.

Advocacy - None

It was moved by Karina Colón, seconded by Tami Thumbtzen, that TAAAC endorses Linda McLaughlin for NEA Director. The motion was approved.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS

If you have a concern, complete the Member Concerns Form. If there is an urgency to your concern, call your UniServ. Member Concerns will be reviewed and answered by your UniServ. Member Concerns Handout will be distributed with name and school removed, in the RA bags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Credentials - The Credentials Committee reported that 83 Representatives were in attendance, which is 44% of the total Representatives, and 61 Units were represented, which is 43% of the total Units.

Government Relations - President Leone announced that lobbying is taking place every Monday night, if anyone is interested.

Membership - Tami Thumbtzen reported that in the bags is a letter from Mark Beytin announcing a \$100 Membership Incentive. Representatives will receive \$100 for each new member signed up through Friday, March 29, 2019.

Minority Affairs Committee - Nominations are open for our Annual Mills-King Excellence in Human Relations in Education Award. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Russell Leone announced that we are still collecting donations for SPAN. We want to keep it going every month.

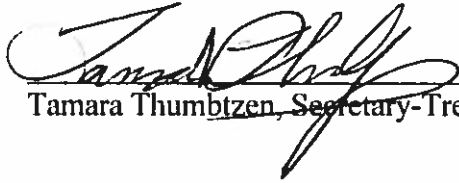
The next Representative Assembly will be held at Severn River Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:



Tamara Thumbtzen, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved:



Russell Leone, President

Minutes approved at ARC meeting February 13, 2019

(Date)