

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

2521 Riva Road, Suite L7
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

MINUTES - Representative Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Russell Leone, at Severna Park Middle School, at 5:02 p.m.

The Association's Vision and Mission were read by Steven Aikens.

**ADOPTION OF ORDER
OF BUSINESS**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Dylan Craig, seconded by Jill Grimm, the Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

GUESTS

President Michelle Corkadel and Vice-President Melissa Ellis, from the Board of Education, addressed the group and took questions.

Ken Baughman, Chairperson of the Foundation of Educational Excellence, reported on TAAAC Foundation Scholarships.

CONCERNS COMMITTEES

Moved into Concerns Committees at 5:48 p.m.

President Leone reported that there are hard copies up front of the FAC survey. If you did not get a chance to fill one out, please come get a survey.

President Leone reported that the President's Activity Report is for your information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board of Education - Budget Approval: Feb. 19 @ 7:00 - BOE Endorsement Process - President Leone reported that the Board of Education will review, amend, and approve the AACPS Budget on February 19, 2020.

Richard Benfer reported that questionnaires have been mailed out to start the endorsement process. February 18 is the deadline to return the questionnaires. Interviews will be set

up for February 26 and 27, starting around 5:00 p.m. We are looking for people for the Interview Committee.

Recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors and then to the Representative Assembly in March.

President Leone reported that on the back of the agenda are important dates.

Lobby Nights - Richard Benfer reported that lobby nights are every Monday until April 6. If you would like to join us, we meet at 5:00 p.m.

Blueprint Rally: Feb. 17 - President Leone reported that we will not be lobbying on February 17, 2020. On February 17, there will be a four-committee joint hearing all around the Blueprint. We will be joining people across the state to rally at 10:00 a.m., then the hearings will start at 12:00 noon. We will wear blue for Blueprint.

Early Career Educators - Dylan Craig announced that there is a flyer in the bags for the bulletin boards. We are trying to get more early career educators involved with TAAAC and the community. There are two events coming up on Monday, March 9 and Thursday, April 2. If you know any early career educators, please reach out to them.

NEA/MSEA/TAAAC Elections: Close Feb. 21 @ 5 p.m. - Nancy Davidson reported that the election cycle numbers are not going well. Please get members out to vote. The deadline is February 21. Call the TAAAC office if you have any questions. The Nominating Committee will meet February 25 to validate the results.

Ms. Davidson reported that nominations are open for Credentials and Nominating Committees. The form is in the TAAAC Action Report, if interested. The election will be held in April.

Ms. Davidson reported that the Sick Leave Bank Approval, Calendar and Bargaining Committees will open in March and

the election will be held in May.

Summer Leadership Conference - President Leone reported that we are a member run organization. It is important to get a lot of training for ourselves. The 2020 Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 14-17, 2020, at Salisbury University.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Tami Thumbtzen reported that the TAAAC budget process is starting. We will have a TAAAC Budget Hearing on March 11 immediately following the Representative Assembly. On March 25, the Finance Committee will meet at the TAAAC office to create a draft budget. April 1, there will be a presentation of the budget to the Board of Directors. An approved budget will then come to this body on May 13. You will have the budget in your hands for a month to look over. On June 10, this body will have the opportunity to make amendments and will vote to adopt the budget for the Fiscal Year 2021.

President Leone announced that if anyone is interested in serving on the Finance Committee, please reach out.

10-MINUTE MEETING

Dyana Cronin presented gift cards to Representatives for holding 10-Minute Meetings.

Moved into the 10-Minute Meeting to discuss The Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

It was moved by Melissa Connelly, seconded by Colleen Walker-Good, to approve to extend the meeting past 7:00 p.m. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Negotiations Update - Jill Grimm reported on the status of negotiations. Refer to At the Table, the bargaining bulletin for more details.

Kate Snyder, Chairperson of the Negotiating Committee, reported on the tasks of the committee.

Advocacy - Keith Wright and Mark Mench reported on the

cases being handled at the TAAAC office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials - Robin Murray reported that 78 Representatives were in attendance, which is 41% of the total Representatives, and 58 Units were represented, which is 39% of the total Units.

Membership - The committee is working on the end of the year celebration and on gifts for the Representatives.

Minority Affairs - Keith Wright reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS

If you have a concern, please 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

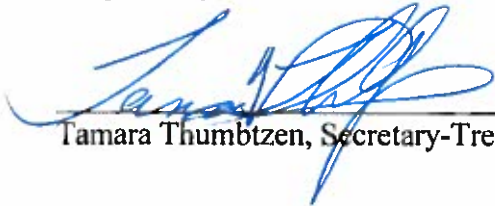
None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Tamara Thumbtzen, Secretary-Treasurer



Russell Leone, President

Minutes approved at ARC meeting March 11, 2020

(Date)