

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

2521 Riva Road, Suite L7
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

MINUTES - Representative Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Kristina Korona, at Severna Park Middle School, at 5:10 p.m.

The following endorsed candidates addressed the group: Sarah Elfreth - Candidate for Congressional District 3; Erica McFarland - Candidate for School Board, District 3; Jeremy York - Candidate for School Board, District 7.

Reading of Mission, Vision, and Month Acknowledgment - Vice President Korona read the Mission, Vision, and the Acknowledgment for the Military Child and Stress Awareness Month.

LOCAL

Bylaws - Russell Leone, Co-Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee, presented a new Proposed Bylaw under Article V - Officers and Directors, Section 6 on term length. This proposed bylaw will be voted on next month on May 8, 2024.

Get Out the Vote Plan - Amanda Menas reviewed the "Get Out the Vote Plan" and reported that the Board of Directors approved the plan which will cost around \$260,000.

Vice President Korona encouraged everyone to sign up for PAC and if already signed up, possibly increase your amount. Come out and do door knocking. Monday nights there will be phone banking. The Primary is May 14, and we need people to pass out Apple Ballots. Please sign up for these things and get others in your buildings to sign up.

Vice President Korona reported that there will be a Watch Party on the evening of May 14, at Ellie's.

Review TAAAC Budget with BOD Liaisons - The Proposed FY'25 TAAAC Budget was shared with the Representatives along with an explanation. We will be voting on the budget in June. The main thing is that we have enough funds to hire a new staff member. On May 22, 2024, there will be a Budget Hearing by Zoom to ask questions.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Will Johnson, seconded by Deanna Edmunds, to adopt the agenda with flexibility. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Russell Leone, seconded by Will Johnson, to approve the March 13, 2024 Minutes. The motion was approved.

LOCAL CONTINUED

Elections - Jessica Roth read the slate for the Nominating Committee and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no names submitted.

It was moved by Kate Miller, seconded by Russell Leone, to close the slate. The motion was approved.

It was moved by Sheen Goldberg, seconded by Jon Boughey, to move the slate. The motion was approved.

Jessica Roth read the slate for the Credentials Committee and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no names submitted.

It was moved by Deanna Edmunds, seconded by Erik Booker, to close the slate. The motion was approved.

It was moved by Brendan Maltese, seconded by Maria Côté, to move the slate. The motion was approved.

Jessica Roth reported that we are still taking nominations for the Sick Leave Bank and the Elementary position on the Calendar Committee.

Government Relations - Brendan Maltese reported that we have just wrapped up the Legislation Sessions. He reviewed the bills that were lobbied for and passed. He reviewed bills that failed.

CAT - Mike Magee reported on the success of the Pittman Town Hall.

Mike Magee reported on the next steps in the budget process. County Executive Pittman's budget comes out May 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Office Renovations – Executive Director Soares reported that next month there will be a copy of the design of the office renovations.

Negotiations – Executive Director Soares reported that there are 4 sessions remaining for Negotiations. We hope to have an agreement by the end of the school year. We will be back at the table next Thursday and another “At The Table” will go out after the session.

Career Ladder Update - Executive Director Soares reported that we have a tentative agreement on the Career Ladder. The Career Ladder will go into the contract once it is voted on. It must be submitted by July 2024 and will go into effect July 2025. The levels of the Career Ladder were reviewed.

Executive Director Soares reported that TAAAC will be starting an annual event called Leadership Development Conference. It will be a two-day event. This will be a major PAC fund raiser. There will be workshops offered. He stated that we are looking for donations.

UNISERV UPDATE

Jason Fahie introduced Mary Jo Neville who is taking the place of Beth Ramey until the position can be filled. Mary Jo Neville addressed the group.

Jason Fahie reported that he will email the UniServ Update since we are short of time.

Jason Fahie reviewed the process and dates of resignations.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Early Career Educators - Nicole Tello announced that the Early Career Educators will be having a Bowling Social on Thursday, April 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Racial and Social Justice - Russell Leone reported that June 1 is the annual Pride Parade. More information will be coming out.

Maria Côté reported that we will be participating in the Juneteenth Parade.

Maria Côté reported that in the fall we will be participating in the Hispanic Heritage Festival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

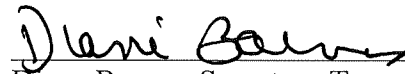
Russell Leone announced that there is information in your packet on the MSEA's Summer Leadership Conference. It will be held on July 23 - 25, 2024. It is 3 days of intense training and a great opportunity.

Next Representative Assembly will be held on May 8, 2024, Severna Park High School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved:



Diane Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer



Kristina Korona, Vice President

Minutes approved at Representative Assembly Meeting 5/8/2024

(Date)