

# Connetquot Teachers Association, Inc.

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**MINUTES OF THE:** Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, January 11, 2022

## **PRESENT:**

Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Lisa Manzo, Paul Rondinella, Rob Lehnert, Shannon Lehnert, Beth Caiola, Frank Saladino, Jeff Vitale, Christine Dassler, Charlie Hafner, Stefanie Litchult, Kevin Keane, Diane Boccio, Rob Burger, Carolyn Paul, Nichole Johnson, Christine Constantine, Leslie Sewell, John Zambriski, Diane Boyle, Jennifer Ronayne

## **ABSENT:**

Joanna Zalewski, Laura Getman-Vaca

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm

- Congratulations Frank on his engagement

## **MOTIONS:**

**Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:33 pm**

- Motion made by Brad and seconded by Chris Dolce to approve December '21 Treasurer's Report:  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### COMMITTEES:

- 4:34 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
  - No meeting this month.
  - Heating: 65 is the minimum. Contact administration if classrooms are too cold
  - Heating issues at high school this week. John Allen addressed promptly
- 4:38 pm: Political Action
  - Nothing new to report.
  - One position open on board.
- 4:39 pm: Public Relations
  - Nothing to report
  - Still hoping to be able to have the retirement party on June 21, 2022
- 4:39 pm: Emergency Fund
  - No thing to report
- 4:40 pm: Technology
  - Tek company that installs smartboard has been problematic. Cherokee board will be installed in next few days.
  - Chromebook lockers dependent on students having new id cards
  - Tech to print directly to copy machines in the works
  - Elementary chromebook chargers in future
  - Two Technologies committees:
    - State Ed Dept mandated Technology Plan Committee - work on state technology plan
    - District Technology Advisory committee – Consist of community, faculty meeting at Thursday 1/27 at 1 pm via Zoom

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:47 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
  - Academic freedom grievance arbitration set for April.
- 4:51 pm: Discipline Committee Update
  - Original Discipline Committee started early March 2020. Trying to restart. Recently asked for building reps from each elementary. Only Pearl Elementary responded. Jen for Sycamore. No meeting date yet.
- 4:50 pm: Other
  - Hiring a social worker for non-traditional work day, should be approved at BOE tonight
  - Vanguard MOA should be approved at BOE tonight

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 4:55 pm: Virtual Teaching for Elementary Quarantined
  - 3 virtual teachers currently for virtual teaching, but too many elementary students.
  - Administration should be giving direction to all, Communication is the key.
  - What's best way to teach the quarantined students while keeping work for the classroom teacher at a minimum. Possibly mimic home teaching procedure? (Would require daily commitment for teacher).
- 5:29 pm: Jeff update on Teacher College Reading Meeting
  - Met with Ms. Poppe to discuss problems with reading program: nothing grounded in it, ridiculousness of never-ending training
  - Restart literacy committee to discuss gaps in program (meet in spring)
- 5:37pm: New Guidance for COVID
  - Guidelines constantly changing. 10/5 now applies to students as well
  - Should be out 10 days, but return after 5 days if certain criteria is met. Up to person to determine if okay to return, don't feel pressured to return.
  - If you cannot return after 10 days, provide a note from doctor saying COVID long term is cause, district has been accepting, not using individual leave days.
- 5:56 pm: Cafeteria Setup Secondary
  - OBMS none cafeterias are socially distant, visited by Dr. Adams and BOE member
  - Same situation in RMS, desks shifted, moved to clusters
  - Should be consistent between schools across the board not 6 ft
- 6:10 pm: Other
  - Annual reviews coming up, when to test kids? Do not use IEP days to test. Go to principal, request professional day(s). If response is no, contact Tony, direct back to district.
  - Midterm exams in HS, who is going to administer make-up exams? Reps should speak to principal

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary