

**MINUTES**

Date: February 24, 2015

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The meeting was called to order at 4pm. in the library of Rockwell School. A quorum was established.

**ATTENDANCE Roll Call:** M. DaSilva, R. Mello, A. Rezendes, TJ DelSanto, M. Bernard, B. Chidester, D. Achilli, B. Leger, M. Camara, , G. Arruda, P. Phillipino, J. Farnsworth, P. Oliveira, K. Barry, L. Manchester, T. Talbot

**New Business:**

- Bodacious Bee -

**Motion by A. Rezendes to sponsor a team at the BWEF Fundraiser the Bodacious Bee (\$300).**

**Motion Carried.**

- M. Bernard to send email to BWEA membership requesting volunteers. Volunteers should send interest to M. DaSilva by 4pm on 2/27.
  
- PD Feedback-
  - Superintendent and assistant superintendent would like feedback after any PD. If you attend PD and have a negative experience, please send your feedback to admin directly. If you prefer to stay anonymous, send feedback to your building rep or to the co-presidents.
  
- June Meeting-
  - June 9<sup>th</sup> is the last BWEA rep. council meeting for this school year.
  - PD day or Good Friday cannot be used as makeup snow days.
  
- NEARI Testing Resolution-
  - On Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, the NEARI Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution to support the right of parents to opt their child out of standardized testing. It also includes the right of educators to discuss this option with parents. This information is also available on their website and Facebook page.

**Old Business:**

- Feb. Vacation Survey-
  - Email sent to staff; also available on BWRI website for parents and families.
  
- Contract-
  - Being printed!
  - Electronic version will be available ASAP on BWEA website.
  - Curriculum rate TA was not filed. Information about this to be sent out by NEARI Uniserve; co-presidents working on getting this filed as a possible future MOA.

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- Lack of Substitutes-
  - Co-presidents met with admin to discuss concerns and provided feedback from meeting.
  - District still has intentions of moving to a tiered system according to Superintendent.
  - Superintendent also indicated less sick days are being filed than in years past.

**Building Issues:**

- MHHS-
  - CPT scheduling with students in building is a major issue.

**Reports:**

- Co- Presidents' Report-
  - Lay off dates to correspond with new RI protocol:
    - By March 1<sup>st</sup> district to send out non-renewal letters.
    - By June 1<sup>st</sup> district to send out budget lays off (not performance based- position cuts only)
    - Superintendent indicated no bubble classrooms leaving this year. Co-presidents to follow up on how staff will be assigned as classes move up in grades.
- Vice President's Report-
  - Delegate Assembly March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Treasurer's Report-
  - Three scholarships dispersed.
  - NEARI Children's Fund 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook-

**Motion moved by A. Rezendes for BWEA to sponsor an ad in the yearbook in the same amount as the previous year. Motion carried.**

- Secretary's Report-
  - A. Rezendes to report minutes during month of April.
- HS Grievance Report-
  - Level 2 hearing (no updates)
- MS Grievance Report-
  - Level 3 hearing with school committee meeting- waiting for outcome.

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**Motion** moved by A. Rezendes to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Bernard