

Meeting February 8, 2011

Negotiations: first date for fact finding is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Their consultant is out of country but date is finally confirmed. Laura said the mediator will meet with both sides separately and if they cannot agree fact finding will begin.

Andy – update – voucher bill has been rejected for 30 years but coming back around. 800 million taxpayer dollars go to private religious schools for about 11,000 for over 5 years. NJEA opposes as do we. This is in 13 districts. Upsetting that the democrats are supporting this. Christie vetoed bill for sick leave. Christie - what he wants for tenure has just been words. No change.

Kathy said editorials in Bergen Record have shifted. Record seemed sympathetic to NJEA.

Grievance – nothing to note

Public Relations – Laura showed our ad and complimented team who put it together.

Teacher for a Day – April 14<sup>th</sup> no special Ed teachers due to confidential issues. Volunteers still welcome. Laura is looking for contacts in Mahwah to volunteer. We have about 40 teachers. Kathy spoke to Foundation about this and they loved it! President of Foundation said I would love to do this. Said it's a great PR ploy to get people into schools.

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> is the Gala - \$60 tickets available. Karen at the high school and Ronnie said there are more raffle tickets. We collected over \$1200 from jeans day. Our basket will be an iPad.

Cat in the Clubhouse – all going well. Over 20 people volunteered

MASO scholarship – used to have a committee but no more. Need people to sit in on interview committee for 3 days in March. See Laura or email her if interested. Looking for 5 members.

Voting by mail apps – going to HSO meetings and we would take it and mail it in for them. Sr. reps – email Laura the next HSO meeting and President name.

Vacation issues – Laura asked about taking Tues. of Feb. break and Charlie said no. Calendar states rules. And is very clear. Anyone who is approached should meet with Charlie.

It is important to try and get people to attend board meetings and take notes.

County wide president meeting – Laura will attend next wee

March 23 is the legislative dinner

Foundation Update – Kathy – March 21 next meeting. Trying to get positive information out. Thanking those who sent in grants. At the March meeting asking if you know graduates – looking for testimonials from students as to how a grant is appreciated and the impact on students. They are monitoring those having trouble getting grants through the office. May have \$85,000 in grant money for next year. We are their number one sponsor.

Monday – June 6<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing – no dinner this year. Just golf with a reception after. Might honor Charlie at the outing. Kathy and Tom Carroll are co-chairing this. Meg asked if they (Foundation) are supporting our budget and Kathy said yes.

Kathy thanked those in district in regard to her persona issue. Exec Board sent a donation to Alpine Learning Group in Shane's name.

Money from the financial asst. – LAFAP was approved for the year.

Disability Rep will be coming into each building and talking with staff. We haven't had open enrollment in a long time – notify staff that someone is coming.

FYI – Budget election is April 27. Next meeting we need to talk about what to do to promote budget.

RR - having issue with differentiated instruction and teachers being accountable to implement this. Training was promised but not done.

Brian was told but he seemed defensive. Troy felt information was lacking.

Robin – JK – no promethean training as district said it was free. No longer and needed.

Continue to be positive and support the district.

Laura was asked if the Home Economics Dept. was being let go at HS and she said it is not confirmed. She is looking into it.