

A MONTHLY REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

January, 2017

NEGOTIATIONS

Supervisory Aides (HS) – The Supervisory Aides ratified an agreement which takes them until the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Teacher Aides (13) – A ratification meeting is being scheduled for late January.

APPR

Each district has submitted a plan for SED approval. Upon approval each districts administrator will advise the teachers of the plans requirements.

RETIREE SEMINAR

The seminar took place on January 17, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Choral Room located on the lower level of Central High School. Presentations were made by VSTA President Patrick Naglieri, NYSTRS Director Tim Southerton and 457 Coordinator Bert Thomas.

OPT OUT

One meeting with our parent partners was held earlier in the fall. Another meeting will be scheduled to finalize plans. Any member interested in assisting should contact their unit leader.

FORMATION OF A VSTA PAC

The Executive Committee has determined that we will participate in VOTE/COPE this year however in the 2017-2018 school year we will start our own PAC. Authorization to take this action and retain counsel has been approved by the VSTA Executive Board.

AFFILIATION STUDY

The officers have held discussions regarding the feasibility of continuing affiliation with NYSUT. The concerns have been widely discussed with the Unit Leaders and shared with the membership in the President's Report. In addition a meeting was held with NYSUT President Karen Magee, the outcome of which has been shared. It is anticipated that a report will come out late winter or early spring. VSTA holds an ANNUAL AFFILIATION REFERENDUM each May. The course of the organization will be directed by the outcome of the membership vote.

PRESIDENT ROUNDTABLE

Richard Adams, VP, recently represented VSTA at a forum for all Nassau County Presidents.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will begin preparing the budget including a dues recommendation for the 2017-2018 school year. Any member may provide input into the process via their unit leader or by contacting the VSTA office. As we would like to finalize the report by March or April, please provide your input prior to the February recess.

TRAINING/CROSS TRAINING

We will continue our formal training and informal mentoring during the 2017-2018 school year. We will put emphasis on cross-training so that we build redundancy in the organization.

APPROVAL OF STIPENDS

As per the Finance Committee report, payment of stipends for the VSTA Officers was approved at the January meeting.