

A MONTHLY REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

March, 2017

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Just a reminder please continue to follow the procedures below:

- Unit Leaders briefly review Executive board Agenda items at Unit Meetings.
- Post a copy of materials on your unit's bulletin board, updated monthly and/or have copies available at unit meetings.

ERS RETIREE SEMINAR

The seminar took place on March 16, 2107 at 4:30 p.m. in the Howell Road School. A light supper was served. Thirty five members participated. The event was coordinated by Vice President Noele Villa.

OPT OUT UPDATE

In conjunction with our parent partners the following has taken place or will take place in the near future:

- An OPT OUT letter has been sent EDDM to every home and business in Valley Stream,
- the MOBILE BILLBOARD is rolling in English and Spanish,
- our website has updated English/Spanish OPT OUT LETTERS,
- an e-mail goes out to 7000 people weekly promoting OPT OUT,
- 1000 signs have been distributed to teachers and parents promoting OPT OUT,
- we participated in a Herald story.

AFFILIATION STUDY

It is anticipated the study will be completed and presented to the Executive Board this spring. Since our last meeting, a group of LI Presidents met, a number of the Presidents have been in contact with VSTA and want to collaborate on alternatives to NYSUT.

CALENDAR

As a result of a survey of the VSTA TEACHER UNIT, VSTA has adopted as its position Calendar A. This will involve coming in prior to Labor Day but will provide for a full February recess. With the permanent inclusion of more days of religious observance, it is anticipated that the VSTA and four districts will need to come to a more permanent solution. Village wide there were 481 votes for Calendar A and 152 for Calendar B. We expect the Boards to finalize the calendar in the near future.

PAC UPDATE

We will be meeting with our Election Counsel later this spring to obtain guidance on how best to proceed.

CONTRACTS

The teachers' contract is complete and should be available electronically in all four districts to members. The RN contract is complete. The EOP contract is in the final stages of completion. We are working on the MOA's for the Teacher Aides/13 and the Supervisory Aides/HS.

POLICIES

Policies were presented for modification and deletion at the March 9th Executive Board Meeting. An Appendix was attached to the Meeting Agenda with additional information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Finance Committee met earlier this year and was scheduled to meet again on March 14th but was postponed due to a snow storm. The report will include a dues schedule for 2017-2018, a 2017-2018 budget as well as other matters related to the finances of the union.

APPOINTMENTS

The Executive Board was consulted regarding appointments at the March 9th meeting. The following appointments to be made by VSTA President Patrick Naglieri were presented to the Executive Board:
Finance Committee – Ron Rini, Susan Leggett, Stephen Parrinello, Kevin Olsen, Patrice Davidson
Election Chair – Denise Phillips
Newsletter Editor – Virginia Calderaro
Website Coordinator – Kristi Massaro
PAC Coordinator – Julian Farrell.

In addition, the following was brought to Executive Board for approval:

The Executive Board appointed Vice President Richard Adams to serve any unexpired portion of President Patrick Naglieri's term of office. Vice President Adams' appointment shall commence upon President Naglieri's submission of a letter of resignation to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Board created an advisory position and appointed Patrick Naglieri to serve as an employee in an advisory capacity to the new VSTA President. In accordance with VSTA Policy and the Constitution the President is permitted broad discretion regarding employee appointments, terms and conditions of employment however, Executive Board action was necessary in this instance as VP Adams has not yet assumed the Presidency.