

## November 16, 2009

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – On Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to hold a membership meeting at Wilcox THS in Meriden, but unfortunately we did not meet the membership requirement for a quorum.
- **ELI WHITNEY RENOVATION** – A news article regarding Eli Whitney appeared in the New Haven Register on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - On Wednesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, SVFT leadership plans to attend the question/answer meeting being held at Whitney. The interim superintendent Pat Ciccone has also been invited to attend.
  - Leadership has sent a letter to Governor Rell to express our displeasure and ask for answers – appropriate Senators and Representatives were also be copied.
- **SUPPLIES** – The difficulty obtaining supplies continues. The superintendent informed us that principals have been given supply money to distribute. At the November council meeting we discussed this issue and asked for suggestions [see link on our home page].
- **SENIORITY LIST** – A draft copy of the seniority list was e-mailed to the home and school e-mail addresses of each building representative. A final copy will be available on SVFT website prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Every member is encouraged to review and notify the SVFT office with errors, omissions or changes that need to be made to the list.
- **MEMBERSHIP LIST** – A SVFT membership list for each school was provided to building reps at the November council meeting for review. Errors and omissions should have been reported to the SVFT office.
- **SCHOOL VISITS** – We continue with school visits. In October we made visits to Bristol, Abbott, Norwich, Whitney and O'Brien, and in November we have plans to visit Bullard-Havens, Ellis, Vinal, Kaynor, and Windham. The remaining 7 schools will be visited in December. As a visit to your school approaches, a letter will be sent to the Principal and the union reps in your building. Please see your rep regarding any issues or concerns prior to our visit.
- **VT/CTHSS SUB BOARD MEETING** – Held at Cheney THS on November 10<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were the three committee members, the Commission of Education, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, and the Head of Fiscal at Central Office. Items discussed were J.M. Wright Update, CTSS Admissions Policy, and Enrollment. Interim Superintendent, Pat Ciccone updated the sub board on Eli Whitney events – reporter from the New Haven Register and the Wednesday night meeting.
- **COMMISSIONER VISIT** – November 30<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. The leadership plans to meet with Commissioner Mark McQuillan and Interim Superintendent, Pat Ciccone to discuss school budgets, supplies, Eli Whitney, and determine his vision of our system in these tough economic times.