

March 2010 SVFT Council Meeting Summary

President Rick Tanasi called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the Council approved the minutes of the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report: *Greg Beyer*

- Greg reviewed the monthly Income and Expense report for February
- A routine month
- We will have 200 vouchers available for The New Britain Rockcats home game on 6/26/10, please let Leadership know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity
- Monthly report was accepted, pending audit.

Attorney's Report: *Barry Scheinberg, Esq.*

- Update re: ongoing case that we won in arbitration on layoff versus non renewal
- Payment to the individual will be forthcoming
- Notifications on more jobs for the LPN's, mainly all day shifts, good news
- Reimbursement on pension reimbursement, SEBAC agreements support us
- Attorney Scheinberg restates his position on De-Certification and Disaffiliation

Vice President's Report: *Jan Hochadel*

- Teacher of the Year voting should be completed and accomplishment forms submitted
- TEAM mentors are going to update training, will receive a \$250 stipend for being in the pilot program, unclear as to where the funding is coming from
- Policy is to be one mentor to one mentee for TEAM
- TOY guidelines should be followed, building reps should be present during counting
- Spring school visits underway, Prince and Vinal are next, Bristol and Platt the following week
- New Inventory disposal process effective 3/18/10, two schools will pilot the program
- PL day donations update for Florence Dombrowski, very grateful for all donations from our members
- We will need approximately 30 to 40 more days to cover Florence through the end of the year
- Tuition Reimbursement \$181,000 left (until July 1, 2010)
- Sub-Board of State BOE met today and again discussed raising the freshman failing grade for exploratory to a "70"

Executive Union Rep Report: *Ed Leavy*

- Non-renewal season is upon us for first and second year teachers
- 3rd and 4th year teachers must be notified by April 1
- Supervisory Assistance – these are not disciplinary in nature and union representation is not automatic on the assistance team, it must be requested
- Everyone is usually successful under Supervisory Assistance – this may be changing
- 4 instructors are currently on Administrative Leave
- Tuition reimbursement – Ed will be filing a grievance on this tomorrow

- Flip Cameras – Central Office is promoting teachers being taped under this new initiative, continues to say that this will not be evaluative in nature, we are skeptical on how to manage this
- Case Scenario – “Was the instructor impaired/sick?” Group discussion, does this qualify as a grievance?

President’s Report: Rick Tanasi

- Rick welcomes two guests this evening, Ruth Cion and Linda Coolick
- SB 379 – A crucial bill, which will aid us in many areas – BOE representation, funding, busses, protocol to close schools, etc.
- Passage of this piece of legislation will provide many, many benefits to our system
- Testimony was given to the Education Committee on Monday March 8 at the Legislative Office building by Rick and Ed DeSousa, Eric Sawyer, John Sylvestre and Sue Loud
- Rick requests that Building Reps get the word out to all of our members to encourage them to contact their state representatives and state senators to support SB379
- SEBAC will meet with the State – date to be determined
- Many legislators have been posturing in front of the media about budget cuts and SEBAC has requested that they not try and balance the budget on the backs of the state employees
- Decision 2010 on 3/20/10 will be a forum with seven gubernatorial candidates hosted by SEBAC
- Health Net will no longer be a health care provider under our options, you will be rolled into United Health care or choose Anthem
- PCB levels in several of our buildings are being monitored and tested and to date are well below the threshold levels that would cause concern
- Wright Tech’s ad hoc committee met recently with the architect to discuss new designs which are coming in at a lower rate due to the building being vacant
- 75-78 million dollar estimate
- 6 of our members will attend OSHA Training and then present to all Health and Safety committees

Committee Reports:

- *Health and Safety* meets 3/15 at Vinal
- *Scholarship met 3/2, letter sent to council requesting trial internship program to begin next year*
- M/S/V to create a trial internship, passed unanimously
- *Labor Management will meet next on May 21st at SVFT*

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Election time table, M/S/V to approve time table, passed unanimously

Good and Welfare

- George Reichert, Related DH at Eli Whitney, lost his mother in law
- Connie Pulley, Fashion DH, at Bullard will have surgery next week
- Charles Williams, Wilcox, lost his father
- Joe Gambaccini Wilcox, lost his father
- Dawn Murphy, English Teacher at Eli Whitney, out since Christmas with illness
- Gina Hatch, Special Education DH Bullard Haven, injured
- Barbara Mazzonna, Platt Tech, knee surgery
- Lee Goodman of Bullard, Platt and Emmett died last week
- Marco Kinsella, Bristol, lost his father in law
- Rick mentions that, thankfully, a strike at Stop and Shop was averted

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM was seconded and passed unanimously.