

NYSCEA
Business Meeting
October 25 2005
Marriot Hotel, New York

Colleen showed a motivational video about What Leadership Is?

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions - Colleen Corsi, President

Roll Call – Joan Davidson, NYSCEA, Secretary

Motion to approved May 13, 2005 minutes, Motion carried

Motion to approve the agenda with right to re-order made by
Bob Winchester, NYSCEA, Past President

Officer reports:

President's Report - Colleen Corsi

Colleen presented for discussion a way to encourage new people to engage in the leadership of NYSCEA. Rather than have 5 committee chairpersons serve on the Executive Committee we have 5 members at large for a term of two years to have a part in leadership. The purpose of the plan is to rotate people into leadership positions.

Joe Sugar, NYS Council of Administrators of Music Education, made a motion:
I move that we approve in concept that NYSCEA moves from our traditional standing committees as outlined in our constitution: advocacy, membership, Research and Development; Nominating and Communications to create an Executive Committee that includes the leadership and 5 delegates at large. Standing committees would include Nominating, Finance and Website.

Motion seconded by David Gianascoli, NY Counseling Association

Bob Winchester:

We should have a nominating committee. Organizations should not be duplicated on the Executive Board.

Bonnie Deutsch, New York State Art Teachers Association asked if there will be a more formal proposal brought to the board?

Colleen responded yes.

Shirley Ware, NYS Association Family and Consumer Science Educators asked,
“How do the existing committee chairs feel about this solution?”

Might it be difficult to find a committee chairs if they are not a voting member?

Colleen explained that the existing committee chairs have not been doing much work and few have handed in regular reports.

Motion carried.

Treasurer 's Report presented by Robin Wheeler, Business Manager

Cindy Baldwin, NYS Council of Administrators of Music Education
Why do we have an Investment account?

Robin Wheeler responded: We had extra money when we had monologues.

Bob Winchester: If dues payments are not paid before the February 06 meeting delegates of the non-paying organization will not be eligible to vote at the next meeting.

Special Committee Reports:

Tax Exempt Status update – Bob Winchester

Distributed a boiler plate Policy Governing Potential Conflict of Interest developed by the IRS. It was modified slightly i.e. adding the name NYSCEA and the word “Delegate” in several places.

Bob Winchester asked, Are there substantive questions about why we need it?
He gave the definition of Compensation-you are paid for work not for being reimbursed.

The Policy explains that we are not going to pay our President or our Treasurer.

Suggested changes:

Hereafter association be known as NYSCEA

Add the word Regulations above the word Compensation

The policy explains that a financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate Governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Bob Winchester made a motion that NYSCEA formally adopt the policy of Conflict of Interest as presented here today.

Dennis Tosetto seconded the motion.

Motion carried

Middle Level Education update –eva efron

Eva explained that Middle Level information was covered in the report by Dave Payton.

Colleen explained that Gail, Dennis, Colleen and Elizabeth Scheffer had a meeting with David Payton re: middle level.

www.NYSCEA.org

Grace Wilkie, Association of Mathematics Teachers of NYS. Distributed material re: Celebration of Teaching & Learning event

Connecticut, New York and New Jersey are involved.

Date: March 24-25 2006.

Location: Piers 92 & 94 - Twelfth Avenue at 55th St., NYC

Purpose: To celebrate teaching and learning.

www.thirteencelebration.com

New Business:

SED Reflections:

Joe Sugar, NYS Council of Administrators of Music Education, believed Commissioner Mills did not answer the question that Joan Davidson asked with reference to the place of the arts in the curriculum.

Grace Wilkie:

Steve Katz did not know the answers to several questions important to people in NYSCEA

Bob Winchester made the suggestion by Doug Lohnus, NYS Math Supervisor Association:

Delegates should have an outline of what SED staff will be talking about. In that way they can be prepared with questions.

Dennis Tosetto

Explained that the Commissioner was very much interested in questions and thought we were an important group to have a conversation with.

Tracy Gyoerkoe, Association for Careers & Technical Educators Associations:

Have a lunch time with a number people of SED people. Perhaps that could be planned for May.

Dale Westcott, Science Association is very ill Colleen will e-mail us the contact information of his wife.

SED High School Initiative Committee Colleen Corsi

Colleen passed out paper for people to add their names to a High School Initiative Committee.

Equity issues & NCLB presented by Joan Wagner, STANYS

Talked about achievement gap of students with color and their white cohorts. Though it is improving a bit, possibly because of NCLB there is a large gap.

NCLB made us aware of the achievement gap.

The single main reason for the lack of achievement is poverty- The worst schools are in poverty areas. For example, there is a need for science teachers in NYC elementary schools.

Lost in Space can be downloaded through google.

<http://streamer.lacoe.edu/tesa/>

Teaching Expectations and Student Achievement

GESA

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/oea/initiatives>

Connecting with the learner: An Equity tool

NYSUT Literacy and Mathematics Institute update - Elizabeth Sheffer, NYS United Teachers

NYSUT will host a Literacy Institute on Friday, February 10, 2006 and a Mathematics Institute on Saturday, February 11, 2006. Both Institutes will be held at the Crown Plaza in Albany, NY. and will include plenary sessions, guest speakers, and morning and

afternoon workshops. The Literacy Institute focuses on grades Pre K - 5, while the Mathematics Institute will focus on the middle level, grades 5 - 8. Information on the Institutes and registration will be found on the NYSUT website, www.nysut.org in late November.

For NYSCEA February 06 meeting look on website if the weather is inclement.

Motion to adjourn made by eva efron

Seconded by Bonnie Deutsch

Respectfully submitted,

'Joan Davidson, NYSCEA Secretary

Approved by: Colleen Corsi, President