

## **NCPTA Advisory Council Meeting**

**December 7, 2012**

### **Attending:**

Robert Creech – Hoke County, Brenda Stack – Union County, Jerry Wynne – Beaufort County, Charles McDowell – Moore County, Rhonda Fleming – Winston-Salem Forsyth County, Tommy Finch – Wilson County, Christopher Jaxes – Robeson County, Derek Graham – NCDPI, Wesley Stokes – Washington County, Vicki Wilson – Cumberland County, Terry Campbell – Iredell County, Lynne Macy – Mooresville, Carol Bowes – Person, Jim Ellis – Chapel Hill Carrboro Schools.

**Called to Order:** 10:04 by Jim Ellis

### **Minutes: Carol**

Motion to accept Charles, Second by Wesley

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Brian was unable to attend. He forwarded the treasurers report to Jim. Jim reported that Dist 7 monies had been deposited. TAG luncheon and some corn hole expenses from 2012 conference have been paid out. Charles made a motion to accept and Jerry was second.

### **Legislative Update:**

Scott Denton was unable to attend. Derek mentioned that we are watching closely to see what is going to happen in the legislature with the newly elected governor and representatives. Each governor proposes their own budget. The committee will carefully watch to see which bills are proposed. After the bills are heard we can address them. We want to be seen as an up to date, relevant, cost effective part of education.

### **Jim discussed TAG Meeting Minutes:**

1. Bus Driver Physical Standards were discussed. We are caught between DMV commissioners and will have to wait for new appointments before this can be addressed.
2. Bus Driver/Coaches hours of service came under discussion. Some discussion about whether NC should be proactive or reactive on this issue.
3. Permanent Tag update – Hope everyone has their tags....agreed it was an interesting situation. All counties had lots of old, old vehicles still registered.
4. Reminder that all county school bus inspectors need to get 20 hours of continuing education hours every five years before they will be allowed to recertify and take the test. Directors were reminded to keep a file on each technician with continuing credits documented.
5. Charter motor coach situation came up in the TAG meeting. Still no perfect resolution.

### **Conference Update:**

The Transposium Summer conference will be held July 15-19, 2013 at Sea Trails Resort at Sunset Beach. Binford, Jim and David Twiddy will be visiting very soon to scout the classrooms and meeting rooms.

The e-mail detailing bids for a new conference coordinator has gone out on the transportation list serve. It is hoped that a conference chair for 2014 will be chosen before the 2013 conference so the new coordinator could attend this year's conference and learn how a conference is planned. Bids are due on December 14 for anyone interested in being conference chair.

**Service Pins:**

Vickie Wilson questioned if we wanted to keep the service pins the same color as we had previously or if we wanted to go with new colors. It was agreed that she would bring an example of the colored pins next meeting and we would decide then.

**New Business:**

Rhonda questioned if we should initiate a Facebook page for NAPT. Even though many of us are blocked from Facebook by our district's internet filtering, the committee decided that a Facebook page would be appropriate for the organization as many of the members are on Facebook and are accustomed to communicating electronically. Robert made a motion for and Charles seconded it.

North Carolina is rolling out a new student tracking software in July 2013 called Power Schools. They plan to quit using NCWISE and begin using Power Schools at the yearly YET. We were advised to keep an eye on this situation.....sometimes computer updates do not go quite as planned and we need to be prepared.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58.

The next meeting is planned for a Friday in February....date to be decided.