

**Amityville Teachers' Association Legislative Council**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Held Virtually through Zoom**

**April 12, 2023 at 4:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**ATA CONTRACT 2018-2021**

**Presiding: Nakia Wolfe**

**Recording Secretary: Tina Smith**

**Council Members Present:**

		Present	Not Present
Nakia Wolfe	ATA President	x	
Francis O'Brien	ATA VP/NYSUT & AFT		x
Matt Greiss	ATA VP/Grievances	x	
Tina Smith	ATA Recording Secretary	x	
George Alexander	ATA Treasurer		x
Maria Lievano	NE BVP	x	
Theresa McCormack	NE ABVP	x	
Nancy Davi-Ortiz	NW BVP	x	
Lydia Robinson	NW ABVP	x	
Olimpia Karounos	NWABVP	x	
Paul Grasso	PAMES BVP	x	
Billy Maisel	PAMES ABVP		x
Stacey Bura	PAMES ABVP		x
Kelly Ann Wilson	MS BVP	x	
Renee Silon	MS ABVP	x	
Margot Howard	HS BVP	x	
Janine Sarlo	HS ABVP	x	
Sandra Whitney	HS ABVP	x	

Christina Aversano	HS ABVP		x
Kristina Komsic	LAP	x	
Kathleen Thorn	LAP		x
Nancy Davi-Ortiz	Suffolk's Edge Chairperson	x	
Beatriz Offitto	NYSUT/AFT delegate		x
Lydia Robinson	Elections Chairperson	x	
Michael Greco	Health & Safety Chairperson	x	
Hank Carpenter	RTA President		x

### **Minutes:**

This meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

Nakia Wolfe made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Greiss, to approve the LC Minutes of **February 2023**. Without discussion, the minutes were approved 16-0-0.

Nakia Wolfe made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Greiss, to approve the Executive Council Minutes of **March 2023**. Without discussion, the minutes were approved 9-0-0.

ATA Legislative Council and Executive Council Meeting Minutes can be found on the lower part of the [HOME page of the ATA Website](#).

### **Reports:**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. There is still concern related to the fourth grade reorganization: there is a tentative plan for teacher training. Nakia will be requesting the transition not take place in the 2023-2024 school year due to a lack of curriculum training for teachers. He will suggest the reorganization take place in the 2024-2025 school year.

2. The ATA is planning to inquire about the retirement incentive at the April 12th BOE meeting. The deadline to declare retirement is April 15.

3. Nakia discussed Dr. Fale's letter to the community in response to media coverage regarding Amityville teacher resignations. Dr. Fale said that Nassau and city pay were higher but that Amityville is competitive with Suffolk County school districts. Nakia was concerned about Dr. Fale's statement that Amityville

salaries are comparable to Nassau and Suffolk school districts. Amityville teachers place in the lowest 6% for salaries on Long Island.

The ATA is comparable to the lowest 10% school districts regarding salaries, but we are NOT competitive regarding salaries.

**Treasurer's Report:**

For income tax purposes;

Union dues for the full year were **\$1,160.**

New teachers starting in September paid **\$406.**

Dues from January 1-June 30, 2022 were **\$754.**

**Correspondence:**

Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report

**New Business:**

There is going to be a pickleball tournament that the ATA is sponsoring with the Amityville Retiree Chapter. The proceeds will be put towards student scholarships. The tentative date is Saturday, June 3, with a raindate of Sunday, June 4.

**Vice President/ Grievances report:**

1. From 9/14/22:

We are currently in step three of a grievance relating to the involuntary transfer of a teacher. We are awaiting the opportunity to present our case to the school board which must be done by the next board meeting, or the district will be out of compliance with our contractual grievance procedures.

**10/12/22 UPDATE:** The district is out of compliance. The ATA is looking into what to do next. We are looking into filing a perp case.

**12/7/22 UPDATE:** The ATA is waiting for a response from the BOE.

**1/4/23 UPDATE:** This grievance was heard at Step 3 at the November 16th BOE Meeting. The district had 15 school days to issue their formal response to the grievance. The School Board has yet to respond. If the School Board responds negatively, it will go to arbitration. Because they

are not responding at all, the grievance is at a standstill. The School Board was out of compliance as of December 12, 2022.

**2/1/23 UPDATE:** As of February 2nd, the Board of Education has officially denied this grievance. The ATA is working on finding out a definition for "emergency" as it relates to an involuntary transfer and is discussing the possibility of heading to arbitration.

**4/12/23 UPDATE :** The timeline is currently tolled as the ATA hopes to reach an agreement with the district establishing what constitutes an "emergency" as it relates to a transfer.

2. From 9/14/22:

This grievance relates to a teacher being entitled to receive pay while out of work from injuries sustained by an assault from a student. We are in step two of a grievance, awaiting a decision by the superintendent, which was to come by September 21<sup>st</sup>, otherwise we can begin the process to step three.

**10/12/22 UPDATE:** The BOE will hear our concerns regarding this grievance.

**11/2/22 UPDATE:** The ATA is scheduled to present, at Step 3, to the BOE, on November 16.

**12/7/22:** The ATA is waiting for a response from the BOE.

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**2/1/23 UPDATE:** This grievance has been denied by the BOE. The ATA plans to bring the grievance to step 4, arbitration.

**4/12/23 UPDATE:** The ATA has an arbitration date scheduled for May 8th.

3. From 9/14/22:

There is a grievance with the district with regard to the accrual of sick days. We get **TEN sick days and TWO personal days**. There was a discrepancy regarding when these days are accrued. There has never been a past practice in this district to not accrue your days on day ONE of the school year.

**10/12/22 UPDATE:** A grievance was filed. All new hires of the ATA DID NOT receive their sick days at the beginning of this school year. Moving forward, new hires will accrue sick days one per month. It is Nakia's understanding that this is not the case for non-new hires. The district is making the case that this is the rule for new hires. This is in discussion.

This grievance will codify language in our contract.

**11/2/22 UPDATE:** As of today, the ATA is officially at step 3 with this grievance.

**12/7/22:** The ATA is waiting for a response from the BOE.

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**2/1/23 UPDATE:** The Superintendent communicated that the ATA would win this grievance as per the school board decision. While finalizing details with district legal, a discrepancy in our understanding of the results of this grievance was presented requiring further clarification. Failure to provide a settlement that confirms the stance of the ATA will result in the ATA taking this grievance to step 4, arbitration.

**4/12/23 UPDATE:** The district provided the ATA with a stipulation that was unacceptable as to the resolution the ATA expected to receive. The member has still not been reimbursed for their sick day from September. The ATA is looking to move to arbitration.

4. The ATA filed a grievance regarding SALARY STATEMENTS. All teachers have not been given their salary statements. This grievance is at a Step 1 level.

**12/7/222 UPDATE:** This grievance was denied at the building level. Dr. Lange agrees that these salary statements need to be printed. If this grievance is not resolved by December 16, we will move forward to the next step of grievance.

**1/4/23 UPDATE:** If salary statements are not printed and delivered by Friday, January 6, this grievance will go to the next step, which is to the BOE.

**2/1/23 UPDATE:** The ATA is rescinding this grievance because the district complied; salary statements have been distributed.

5. The ATA has filed a grievance for another member who was docked 2.5 sick days because they were told they had not accrued the sick time yet. This is inconsistent with our contractual language and past practice. The district has since decided to reimburse the member for the 2.5 sick days. The member received the reimbursement on April 7th. The ATA will be withdrawing the grievance this week. This grievance was filed on March 28, 2023.

#### **Vice President: NYSUT/AFT**

NYSUT/AFT is waiting for the Supreme Court to rule on President Biden's student loan forgiveness program. A ruling is expected by the end of June.

The NYSUT convention is scheduled for April 28th and April 29th in Albany. This is where members set the political agenda for next year. One key part of that is again Tier equity. This is NYSUT/AFT's effort to align Tiers 5 and 6 with Tier 4.

The next ED 20 meeting is scheduled for May 2nd.

#### **LAP:**

1. April 21st is the ATA Happy Hour at Carneys from 2:00-6:00 pm for Autism. There will be a cost of \$5 at the door. There will be raffle baskets, shirts, and pins sold at this event.
2. May 8- 12th is Teacher Appreciation Week.
3. The ATA will select scholarship recipients in May.

4. The End of the Year Party will be on June 15 at the Piermont in Babylon at 7:30pm. It will be an open bar with hors d'oeuvres and a buffet.
5. The North Amityville Parade is scheduled for June.
6. Visit the [ATA Website](#) for the [LAP Calendar of Events](#)

### **BUILDING CONCERNS:**

**Please note that updates from any past concerns discussed at an EC meeting will be located on EC MINUTES ONLY.**

### **High School:**

#### **Past Concerns:**

Date originally presented	Concern	Update
9/14/22	There is great concern about not assigning six classes to teachers to address the need for instruction and student coverage.	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time. Nakia said that scheduling will remain an EC Agenda item.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 11/2/22:</u></b> The sixth class teachers have been identified and they will be Board approved shortly. Subs are still covering regents classes.</p>
9/14/22	There is no Special Education Coordinator in the HS. School psychologists are performing the roles of the Special Education Coordinator	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 11/2/22:</u></b> This remains a concern.</p> <p>3rd Update 12/7/22: This issue is resolved.</p>
10/12/22	Class sizes are very large.	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> The classes have started to be divided up, but many classes are still oversized.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 12/7/22:</u></b> A scheduling committee has been established. Ms. Stephens has been working with the teachers to resolve this issue.</p>

11/2/22	Ms. Stephens is looking into addressing the needs of students in need of home instruction.	<b><u>1st Update 12/7/22:</u></b> There are new stipulations regarding hours. Dr. Lange denied paying some teachers for some days/hours. There needs to be guidance regarding home instruction; and this guidance must be communicated with teachers.
12/1/22	Teachers are still not receiving narratives about their observations. This will move directly to a grievance if it is not resolved.	<b><u>1/4/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.

### **New Concerns:**

1. A substitute teacher was hired as a leave replacement and only received substitute pay. This issue is being addressed by the district. A new teacher should reach out to Dr. Waite to request information about their salary.
2. A teacher is not being paid for a sixth class. This issue is being addressed by the district.
3. The BVP met with Ms. Stephens about teacher morale issues. There have been limited follow-ups on inquiries by teachers regarding exams, ISS, and more. Ms. Stephens will look into procedures and implement better communication.

### **Middle School:**

#### **Past Concerns:**

Date originally presented	Concern	Update
9/14/22	A Math chairperson, a SS chairperson, and a Science chairperson do not exist in the building. Ms. Hutcherson said there is no money for grade level leaders or lead teachers, but Nakia will check into this statement. Buildings should have either chairpersons or lead or grade level teachers. Administrators should NOT be holding these positions.	<b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> Interviews are in progress. Ms. Hutcherson said lead teachers will not be hired.  <b><u>2nd update 11/2/22:</u></b> The duties that were previously taken on by chairpersons are now being taken on by teachers with no compensation. There



		<p>have been no chairpersons for two years. The AP said there will be no additional hirings of these positions. This will become an EC agenda item.</p>
9/14/22	<p>Detention: Teachers are concerned how it will be assigned.</p> <p>Referral return time There is concern that the referral process has a long return time. Ms. Hutcherson will look into a digital referral form.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> A referral process is in place.</p>
9/14/22	<p>The start time for the Empire program will not change, according to Ms. Hutcherson. And, she noted that students will go to extra help until the program begins.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>
9/14/22	<p>Ms. Hutcherson will be calling in teachers for excessive absences.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>
10/12/22	<p>Parking lot concerns: The parking lot has been shut down due to safety issues. Teachers requested security. Ms. Hutcherson is against parking on the street. Towing can't happen if someone is parked legally. Nakia is recommending that she open the Smith street gate to allow for traffic flow.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time. Teachers are parking in spots they can find; sometimes Ms. Hutcherson asks them to move their car.</p>
10/12/22	<p>Special Education classes are not distributed appropriately. There are more Special Education students than there are General Education students.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> Administration is working on this, but the student/teacher ratio is still not appropriate.</p>
10/12/22	<p>Teachers are overwhelmed with PLC forms. A digital copy has been requested and not received.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>
10/12/22	<p>Coverages remain an issue. Teachers are covering during their lunch. Coverages should be by department first then by duty.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> Nakia is directing members that any time that any member covers a homeroom and has an additional prep coverage that day,</p>

		they need to submit for payment for full coverage for both.
11/2/22	Some IEPs are not finalized from the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers are not comfortable signing the Chapter 408 Memorandum and Acknowledgement forms because they cannot view these documents.	<b><u>1st Update 12/7/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.
12/1/22	Administration has not been responding to emails.	<b><u>1/4/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.
12/1/22	Carolyn Stone has been referring teachers to Rose Hutcherson regarding salaries. Rose Hutcherson has not been responding to these concerns. Nakia asked for specific examples. Renee indicated that some items are resolved and some items are not resolved. Nakia will meet with Renee to review the timesheets and nonpayment of coverages from the last school year.	<b><u>1/4/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.
12/1/22	Inclusion teachers do not have a desk or cabinets that lock. They were recently moved out of the office. Rose will speak with teachers so that they have a space for their personal items.	<b><u>1/4/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.
12/1/22	PLC: Teachers are being asked to go to PLC on certain days even though they already attended.	<b><u>1/4/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.

### **New Concerns:**

1. Post observations and observations have not been returned since October/November. ATA members have asked for their observation reports. This will be discussed as an EC agenda item on April 18.
2. There is a lack of communication with building administration on a whole. Nakia suggests discussing this concern at the building level meeting.

3. Prep Pay: Middle School ATA members are concerned with inconsistent prep pay from building to building. The district is obligated to make up a member's prep with pay or assign a prep at another time as compensation for a lost prep.

## **PAMES**

### **Past Concerns:**

<b>Date originally presented</b>	<b>Concern</b>	<b>Update</b>
9/14/22	After school busing concerns: Mr. Plaia mentioned that he would look into having teachers be paid for their time after the 2:30 dismissal time.	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> Mr. Plaia has said that by Oct. 19th it will be rectified via Board Approval.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 11/2/22:</u></b> This issue is resolved.</p> <p>3rd Update 12/7/22: Some teachers have consistently been staying with students until 2:50 daily. These teachers have not been paid. Nakia recommended that Mr. Plaia request that this timeline be extended to include these teachers being compensated.</p>
9/14/22	There are not enough Chrome books for each class. Mr. Plaia's response is to share chrome books. Mr. Quinn is also short on chromebooks.	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>
9/14/22	Class sizes: The third grade ICT class is at 21 with 10 IEP students. Most class sizes in third grade are 16-17 students. This concern was shared with administration at the end of last school year. The ATA has shared concerns regarding class size and lack of classes to accommodate the large numbers of students and needs.	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time. Currently, the class has 11 Special Education students with IEPs and 10 general education students. Nakia asked that Ms. Bura keep him updated as to the addition of any students to her classroom.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 11/2/22:</u></b> This issue is resolved.</p>

9/14/22	There is still no Special Education Coordinator. The school psychologist has been asked to assume some of the roles. Nakia is asking that the school psychologist document all responsibilities that are not within her scope of responsibilities	<p><b><u>1st Update 10/12/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 11/2/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p> <p><b><u>3rd Update 12/7/22:</u></b> There are no applicants for this position. Some responsibilities of this position have not been fulfilled. The teachers are working on fulfilling their needs as best as possible. Nakia shared that administration should indicate the roles and responsibilities of this position.</p>
12/1/22	Paul will follow up with observation narratives for PAMES.	<p><b><u>1/4/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>
3/21/23	There is a Special Education teacher, in the STRIVE program, who has been asking for a device for one of his/her students. This device is for communication purposes. The technology department stated that they are waiting for a purchase order from the district. Nakia will follow up with this issue with the district administration.	<p><b><u>4/12/23:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>

### **New Concerns:**

1. Regarding fourth grade reorganization: There is a tentative plan for training but no training has begun yet, with the exception of one Revel training for the 4th grade teachers who are to be reorganized.
2. Mr. Plaia has made mention of many changes for the 2023-2024 school year. This has affected morale negatively.

### **Northwest:**

#### **Past Concerns:**

Date originally presented	Concern	Update
10/12/22	<p>AIS has consistently been canceled. There remains no sign up sheet to cover these classes for teachers to get paid for these coverages. Nakia asked for a record of the amount of times that AIS, ENL, and any support services have been canceled this school year. He also asked for the amount of times teachers have been asked to cover during their prep or their lunch.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> The concern remains the same. Services are still getting canceled. Substitutes are limited. Teachers have been asked to sign up to cover during their preparation times. Nakia recommends that NW School create a running record of services that are canceled: dates, services, etc.</p> <p><b><u>2nd Update 12/7/22:</u></b> This remains a concern. The situation is compounded when TC training occurs. Nancy shared that each of the support services has been canceled at least two times each month. Nakia asked Nancy to collect that information and update him on the exact number of cancellations.</p>
10/12/22	<p>There have been an overload of meetings in the morning. Nakia reminded LC that meetings can only be scheduled every other day. If the administrator directs you to attend the meeting, you must do so. At this point, please let your building rep know as it is a contractual violation and it can be grieved.</p> <p>This does not include committee meetings since participation on these committees is voluntary.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> Ms. Hyland will work on these meeting schedules. Training and PD cannot be added onto the weekly meetings. Extra help is not considered a “meeting.”</p>
10/12/22	<p>There are currently 65 ATA members at NW. What is the number to appoint an additional BVP? Nakia will look into this option.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 11/2/22:</u></b> NW is at 66 members currently. Three members are split with another building. The by-laws state that buildings with 65-69 members will have two BVP's. There will be an election for this second BVP position.</p>

11/2/22	<p>Observations for the 2021-2022 school year have not been distributed. End of year evaluations have not been distributed for the 2021-2022 school year. In the event that an End of the Year evaluation has not been distributed in a timely manner and when the teacher receives this evaluation late, the ATA will advocate for the member on the grounds that we cannot improve if timely feedback is not given.</p> <p>If an administrator wants to conduct a post observation and they don't give the member a draft of the score or the narrative prior to this conversation, the member should ask them for it. If they don't give it to the member, the member should inform the administrator that they are willing to have a post observation conversation only when they give this narrative to them before the post observation conversation. It is a grievable offense to withhold the post observation narrative/score .</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 12/7/22:</u></b> Many teachers still have not received these evaluations. Nakia stated that if any member receives a negative evaluation that could have been prevented by receiving their end of year evaluations on time, they should inform the ATA. At that point, the ATA will address that concern. <b><u>Observation narratives should be made available to teachers prior to a post-observation conversation. Teachers should ask for this narrative prior to their post observation. The ATA contract entitles its members to this narrative PRIOR to the post observation.</u></b></p>
11/2/22	<p>MLP hasn't been updated since mid-May. When will this be updated? Nakia shared that when the new secretary for Dr. Lange took over, it wasn't initially communicated that this was her responsibility. It has since been communicated with Barbara Hunt, and she is back tracking to update each MLP account. This will take time, but if you have any questions please reach out to Barbara Hunt or Dr. Lange.</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 12/7/22:</u></b> Nakia will follow up with this concern again.</p>
11/2/22	<p>Parking Lots: People are still parking in the mud. Nakia said they are interviewing architects to address this concern. The district is responsible for providing parking. This is provided. There is also parking near the school. The district is not failing their obligation to provide parking. The district is working on improving the NW</p>	<p><b><u>1st Update 12/7/22:</u></b> There is no update at this time.</p>

	<p>parking situation. This is not a contractual issue.</p> <p>Mike Greco updated the team about this parking situation: Fred and Mike offered to see if the village would allow the district to use the paved parking lot at the ball field. Mike is waiting for a response from the village.</p>	
12/1/22	There is a teacher in NW that hasn't had a phone in her room since the beginning of the year. Nakia will inquire with Mike Greco and the district office.	<p><u>1/4/23:</u></p> <p>There is no update at this time.</p>
1/4/23	A NW teacher has not received her most recent regular paycheck. Nakia will bring this issue to Dr. Fale tomorrow.	<p><u>4/12/23:</u></p> <p>There is no update at this time.</p>
1/4/23	NW shared Leaders of Tomorrow concerns about class size and salary payment. Nakia will reach out to Darlene Peterson to resolve these issues.	<p><u>4/12/23:</u></p> <p>There is no update at this time.</p>
1/4/23	A NW teacher was paid for Home Instruction but it should have been under the code for Leaders of Tomorrow, so the pay rate was incorrect. Nakia will address this issue	<p><u>4/12/23:</u></p> <p>There is no update at this time.</p>
3/21/23	Three special area teachers have been covering a sixth class since last year, so it seems more permanent than temporary. The class was added to these teachers' rosters, so they have given up their prep to do so. Ms. Hyland agreed that it is not a prep coverage because they are prepping and grading for these classes. Teachers are working on receiving retroactive pay at 1/5th of their base salary. Matt asked that if situations arise like this, where teachers are covering sixth classes, it should be brought to the attention of the principal and our union	<p><u>4/12/23:</u></p> <p>There is no update at this time.</p>

**New Concerns:**

1. Paystubs: These were not delivered on time this last pay period. Nakia will hold a separate meeting with payroll regarding this incident. The ATA will request that the district provide hard copy pay stubs the day before or the day of a pay day. If an ATA member doesn't receive a pay stub, they should reach out to the payroll department. If a solution is not immediate, the ATA member should reach out to Nakia.
2. Northwest is inquiring about curriculum decisions, specifically for ELA. The NW team hasn't been informed about which curriculum will be used for the 2023-2024 school year. The response from the principal is that the decision is made by the ELA committee. This will be an EC item agenda for April 18.

**Northeast:**

1. No concerns

**Past Concerns:**

Nothing to report

**New Concerns:**

Nothing to report

**Other discussion:**

Nothing to report

**Negotiations:**

The ATA is working towards clarifying language to eliminate ambiguity.

The ATA is addressing all components of the contract.

The ATA encourages members to be attentive to REMIND notifications and to their building level negotiations meetings.

**Suffolk's Edge:**

1. Nancy has been sharing information regarding recent offerings.
2. In service courses coming soon for this school year:
  - a. A Digital Literacy In-Service Class will be facilitated by Lori Heavey
  - b. A Math Toolkit In-Service Class will be facilitated by Amy Stein.
3. Dr. Lange may question a workshop approval, but not if it's virtual. She didn't approve many virtual workshops last year. If anyone gets declined for a WSBOCES virtual workshop, please reach out to Nakia.
4. If you would like to teach a workshop, send proposals to [WSBOCES Proposal for Instructors](#). The salary for teaching a course is \$150 per hour.



5. May 17 is a Best Practices meeting. At this meeting, WSBOCES will collect information about how our union spent our allocated money.

**Elections:**

The ATA has investigated moving towards an electronic elections process.

Elections 2023 are open!

Paper nominations are available.

Digital nominations are available.

Elections 2023:

Visit the ATA website for detailed [Elections 2023 information](#)

Lydia is asking for each BVP to gather all members' personal emails so that the voting process can be completely digital. There is a master email list and this will be cross referenced to update the list.

**APTC:**

Nothing to report

**Contributions:**

Nothing to report

**Mentoring Program:**

Nothing to report

**Correspondence:**

Nothing to report

**Health & Safety:**

**Minutes from the March 9 District Health & Safety Meeting:**

**District Office (Metzger)**

- BERT (Building Emergency Response Teams) teams should be meeting monthly
  - Teams should start updating plans for next year
  - Committee suggested a deadline of June 1st for basic review.
- New Student/Staff id system is in the works
  - "Scholarship ID system" will do attendance, students leaving and other possible uses
- Asked that we remind staff that the AC should not be turned on if the weather is 50 degrees or lower, the coils can freeze which will render the unit unusable.

**HS (Scheizinger)**

- Phones missing from room 16 (ENL)
- Head custodian is dealing with door system issues.
  - If a unit beeps it goes into safety mode
  - The door will stay locked and can be “unlocked” for entry but will relock
  - Batteries need to be replaced if unit is beeping.
  - If the unit fails it will also enter safety mode.
- No other issues to report that are not being addressed.

**MS (Poulin)**

- No other issues to report that are not being addressed.

**PA (Greco)**

- Heat in room 222 should be repaired at this time
  - Greco spoke with the teacher and she feels that the temp needs to be adjusted.
  - Erik is working on this adjustment, but the unit is working now.
- Rooms with AC units are drafty due to poor plexi glass construction.
  - Fred asked for a list so that B&G can fill the gaps in the construction
- Security
  - Requested a 2nd monitor for “Fast Pass” system, tech request put in
  - Mr. Plaia, and security would like the cameras repaired that are not working.

**NW (Pariser)**

- No other issues to report that are not being addressed.

**NE (Mendelson)**

- After school program is requesting Mobile Security to post at the school for dismissal and outdoor play time.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- April 13th, Location: Park North Conference Room
- May 18th, Location: Park North Conference Room
- June TBA, Location: TBA

**Sick Bank**

Nakia will be reaching out to Diane Stokes to inquire how many sick days are remaining in the SICK BANK.

The negotiations team will be working on updating SICK BANK language in the contract.

NOTE TO MEMBERS: There is a distinction between the sick bank and donation of sick days. Donations of **sick bank days must be voted on by ATA members.**

An ATA member can request a donation of sick days independently, outside of the sick bank. This request must then be approved by the BOE. **An independent donation of sick days does not have to be voted on by ATA members.**

**The sick bank application deadline is open indefinitely because salary statements have not been distributed.**

One of our HS colleagues has asked for a sick bank donation.

Our colleague has been a constant contributor to our sick bank.

This colleague has also become the sole caretaker to his/her sister and parent.

Nakia made a motion for the LC to vote on the contribution of 40 days for the purpose of providing care for his/her sister and parent.

No discussion was held.

Nakia made a motion to approve this request.

The motion passed for this member to receive 40 sick days from our sick bank.

#### **Bereavement/Condolences:**

The process remains the same.

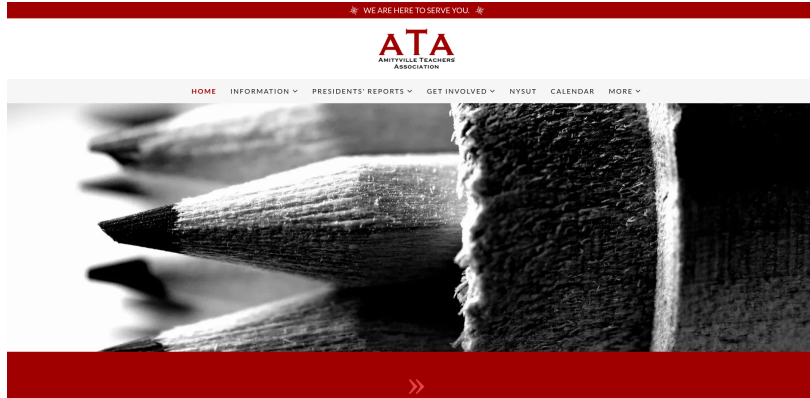
Building reps should share information with Nakia, and Nakia will share that information with George.

#### **Communication/Website/Social Media/Facebook/Twitter**

This year's main project has been to create and maintain a website and social media site. The purpose of this website is to maintain updated communication in real time. This will also serve as our social media platform.

The new ATA website has been launched and updated.

**Click on the image to view the ATA website:**



The goal is to provide our members with a one stop shop for all their union needs and to provide up to date communication.

Tina Smith is requesting teachers and LC members to send pictures throughout the year. Please share any of the following via email at [tinasmith1101@gmail.com](mailto:tinasmith1101@gmail.com) or text, (631)960-5232:

1. School and community events
2. Classroom activities
3. Field trips
4. Special celebrations

Suggestions to build this website are welcomed! Please email or text Tina Smith.

The MINUTES section of our website will have ONE GENERIC password to enter this section.

The website is formatted to fit on your phone as well.

### **Retiree Chapter**

The Retire Chapter is looking to increase our retiree membership. Please forward names, addresses, phone numbers, emails etc. to [hcarpie@aol.com](mailto:hcarpie@aol.com). The cost is \$15 per year.

**The next Legislative Council Meeting will be May 3, 2023 at 4:00pm. This will be a virtual meeting unless otherwise noted.**

**The next Executive Council meeting is April 18, 2023 at 4:00pm in the Park Ave BoardRoom.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina Smith*

Recording Secretary  
The Amityville Teachers' Association