

**Amityville Teachers' Association**

**Executive Council Meeting**

**Location: PARK AVE Conference Room**

**March 21, 2023 at 4:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Presiding: Nakia Wolfe (ATA President)**

**Recording Secretary: Tina Smith**

**Attendance:**

<b>Executive Council Member</b>	<b>District Role</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dr. Fale	Superintendent	x	
Dr. Lange	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	x	
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 Recording Secretary for this meeting	x	
Nancy Davi-Ortiz	NW BVP	x	
Paul Grasso	PAMES BVP	x	
Kelly Ann Wilson	MS BVP		x
Renee Silon	MS ABVP		x
Margot Howard	HS BVP	x	

**Minutes:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- MLP update

ATA Comments	Administrative Response
<p>Meetings that teachers have attended are not being added to teacher MLP records.</p> <p>Professional Development hours have not been listed from conference days.</p> <p>Dr. Lange will speak to Barbara Hunt about updating MLP. Barbara has been entering these hours and it will take a while to catch it all up on MLP</p>	
<p>December 20., 2022:</p> <p>There is no access to FrontLine.</p>	<p><b><u>If something is not approved on the MLP part of Frontline, the member must email/text Dr. Lange for her approval about any coursework while Frontline is not working.</u></b></p> <p>Members should reach out to Nakia if they need Dr. Lange's cell number.</p>
<p>March 21, 2023:</p> <p>Although there is much flexibility regarding professional development options, there are not many available professional development opportunities.</p>	<p>Dr. Lange:</p> <p>The district has initiated many training and professional development opportunities.</p> <p>Dr. Lange indicated that she will provide a list of the opportunities the district has provided for PD in response to the lack of PD Nakia stated was available on MLP.</p> <p>.</p>

- Payroll

ATA Comments	Administrative Response
<p>Sixth class pay at the High school for coverages that have been ongoing since the beginning of the year.</p> <p>Matt will provide names of teachers to be compensated.</p> <p>Matt asked about a Social Studies teacher teaching a Science Lab course. Dr. Lange said the teacher will be compensated; and she was concerned that an uncertified teacher was placed in the class.</p> <p>If the teacher was held responsible for the normal duties of a teacher, then they will be compensated for the sixth class. The teacher needs to show evidence of lesson planning, etc.</p>	
<p>December 20., 2022:</p> <p>Members were placed on the November and December personnel action reports for BOE approval. Payment has not been distributed as of yet. Nakia spoke with Ms. Buatsi regarding the time sheets submitted. The sixth class pay for Middle School</p>	<p>Dr. Fale will reach out to Ms. Buatsi regarding this issue.</p>

<p>teachers for the former department chairperson in the MS will be distributed on December 30.</p>	
<p>March 21, 2023:</p> <p>The ATA and the district have a mutual understanding for individuals being paid for the 6th class. But, some members have not been paid as of yet.</p> <p>The ATA questioned the SWAIM formula for calculating prorated salaries regarding our members and their request for payment for services rendered.</p> <p>At NW, the teachers who were teaching the 7th class have not been paid as of yet.</p>	<p>Some requests for payment have been submitted. There will be a meeting regarding those that have not been paid to discuss the details of non-payment and items needed to process payment.</p> <p>Dr. Lange asked Matt to speak with Olivia Buatsi regarding this formula and situation.</p> <p>Dr. Lange asked Matt to compute the hours and salaries for those four members starting Sept. 2022. Matt will share these numbers with Dr. Lange.</p>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fourth grade reorganization at PAMES School: training, professional development, material distribution updates.

The ATA inquired about training for teacher preparation for the reorganization of the fourth grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Lange's response:

The district is organizing meetings about this reorganization plan that are ongoing from now until next year. There will be a combination of mandatory and voluntary training about this reorganization process and its details. As of the April vacation, the district is submitting purchase orders for Teacher's Editions so that they will be available for teachers by the end of this school year for them to review, take home for the summer, or use as needed to prepare for September.

For the fourth grade, and on a case by case basis, professional development opportunities can be carried over to the 2023-2024 school year as it pertains to teacher development regarding the fourth grade reorganization.

- Update on home instruction at the HS:

Dr. Lange's response:

There has been no meeting as of yet regarding home instruction, but the Madeline Quintyne Center has a program called KEEP YOUR CHANGE. The district met with Dr. Pam Allen, member of the KYC organization, to set up a home instruction tutoring site. Members of this organization can also offer SEL support for this program. There is a meeting this week, with district administration, to discuss the possibilities.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS/COMMENTS:**

No concerns noted.

**The next Executive Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023.**

**The location will be in the Park Ave Board Room unless otherwise notified.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina Smith*

Recording Secretary  
The Amityville Teachers' Association