

Spring Lake Park Teachers United Executive Committee Meeting

May 15, 2024 - 4:30 PM

Present

Scott Smith, President

Kelsey Cassidy, Secretary

Samantha Waibel, WC Rep

Jamie Ramirez, High School Rep

Jessica Frank, NP REP

Stephanie Sandvik, EC/ABE Rep

Marge Zobitz, Members Rights

Mary Strohmayr, PT Rep

Blair Hanson, Member Rights and High School Rep

Andrew Walsh, Membership Chair

Kari Walton, Treasurer

Doug Cox, WW 5-6 Rep

Kristine Powell, WW 7-8 Rep

Absent

Erin Azer, EdMN Rep (guest)

Whitney Worwa, CV Rep

Treasurer's Report: Kari Walton

Honorarium checks have been given to all who receive one.

Not all of the Spring Social charges are on the current checkbook summary.

We have two Certificates of Deposit that continue to roll over. Discussion about investing this money and creating a Finance Steering Committee for next year.

SLPTU also needs to start budgeting for OFS grants that require 20% payment by the local.

Membership Report: Andy Walsh

398 of 447 teachers in the district are members of SLPTU (89%).

23% increase in Spring Social attendance between last year and this year.

President's Report: Scott Smith

Changes to the process for onboarding new members: Members of SLPTU's Executive Committee need to do an inventory of items and processes for onboarding new members in order to improve the process.

Get Out the Vote: Next Monday (5/20) is a training for WALs (Worksite Action Leaders) in anticipation of Get Out the Vote events next fall. An EdMN lead will be training approximately 11 members.

Preschool Contract: SLPTU has reached a tentative agreement for a 1-year MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) regarding the preschool teachers' contract. Once signed,

the MOU will be taken up by the school board at their June 11th meeting. Preschool teachers will receive retro-checks for the 2023-2024 school year on June 30th.

Education Minnesota:

No report at this time.

Building Reports:

EC/ABE – General Education teachers are still waiting on assignments for next year.

CV – No report at this time.

NP – No report at this time.

PT – Behavior concerns continue.

WCSI – Discussion with admin around rollout of English and communication around behaviors. Potential for another survey around iPad use.

WW 5-6 – Behaviors seem to be escalating. Need to discuss survey data with the administration. PTO lock-in was not mandatory.

WW 7-8 – Need to develop a balance between time and district initiatives. Continued concerns around the equity of subbing.

HS - Building reps met with HS administration about survey results. Ongoing conversations about mandatory graduation attendance and CBL.

SLPTU BUSINESS:

Fall SLPTU Event: ideas discussed regarding a fall SLPTU event around Homecoming week. SLPTU would need to alter the budget to accommodate this. Executive Committee members will consider this action during its September meeting.

OFS Grant: SLPTU plans to reapply for an EdMN OFS grant in the fall.

Upcoming Dates

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Kelsey Cassidy, Secretary