

Spring Lake Park Teachers United Executive Committee Meeting

February 24, 2026 - 4:30 PM

In-Person

Present

Kelsey Cassidy, Secretary
Samantha Waibel, WC Rep
Jamie Ramirez, High School Rep
Kari Walton, Treasurer
Whitney Worwa, CV Rep
Stephanie Sandvik, EC/ABE Rep

Andrew Walsh, Membership Chair
Marge Zobitz, Members Rights
Allie Knutson, PT Rep
Doug Cox, WW 5-6 Rep
Scott Smith, President
Kristine Powell, WW 7-8 Rep

Absent

Dean Downs, NP REP
Erin Azer, EdMN Rep (guest)

Treasurer's Report: Kari Walton

The internal audit has been completed and sent to Education MN. Discussion around using credit card points in the future.

Membership Report: Andy Walsh

There are 55 potential members of SLPTU. Membership rate is 87.7%. The total number of SLPTU members is 392.

President's Report: Scott Smith

David Muehe and Kyle Detert will represent SLPTU at the EdMN Health Care Day of Action on Wednesday, March 18th. They, along with other EdMN members from across the state, will meet with legislators to advocate for the creation of a statewide insurance pool for all school staff.

Education Minnesota:

The Education Minnesota Representative Convention is April 24-25. EdMN is continuing to advocate for members related to ICE concerns.

Building Reports

EC - No report at this time.

CV - Still working through parent pickup. If a staff member is on parent pickup, those staff members are staying around 20 minutes longer than staff members on bus duty.

NP - No report at this time.

PT - There are some member concerns about case loads.

WCSI - A few members have questions around the Due Process MOU in the contract. These days are for updating Special Education legal paperwork. Only specific staff members apply for this. It is based on the amount of time a staff member does center-based work.

WW 5-6 - Ongoing behavior concerns amongst staff due to insufficient personal numbers.

WW 7-8 - Some members have questions around the online support learning model and who is eligible.

HS - Some teachers are still frustrated with team/cohort meetings.

SLPTU BUSINESS:

TOY Update- Maria Ahrndt and Beatrice Bruyers are co-chairing the Teacher of the Year program. Their next steps are to share with nominees that they have been nominated.

2026 Representative Convention - This will be held April 24-25. SLPTU will have 5 delegates attending.

Spring Social - We have reserved Forgotten Star for Thursday, May 14th. Planning for this event will start after spring break.

OFS Grant - Waiting to hear back from EdMN about next steps to close out this round of OFS Grant.

GOTV Lead - SLPTU is still searching for a Get Out the Vote Lead. This is a stipend position for \$1,000.

SLPTU Executive Committee Elections - Executive Committee Elections will be held this year. The elections process will follow these approximate dates: open nominations begin March 30th and close on April 13th. Elections will be held April 22nd-24th. All Executive Committee positions are up for reelection.

Upcoming Exec Comm mtg dates - March 25 (WebEx), April 15 , May 20

School Board Meeting Dates - Set the schedule for the remainder of the school year.

March 3- Northpoint

April 14- Centerview

May 12- Early Childhood

June 9- All call / ???

Upcoming Dates

Meeting adjourned at 5:43PM.

Kelsey Cassidy, Secretary