

Executive Council Minutes
Open Session
January 4, 2010

Officers present: President Marc Houle, High School Vice President Peter Califano, Elementary Vice President Stephanie Martin, SPED Vice President Jan Van Horne, Secretary Naomi Lukaszewski, Treasurer Kelly Logan, 6-12 Director Candy Smiley, K-5 Director Karen Wusthoff
Middle School Vice President Greg Strachan is on paternity leave for the month of January.

Reps: None

Meeting called to order: 4:05 p.m.

Handouts: Proposed Space plan for new office space
 DRAFT Teacher Budget Workgroups Agenda

I. Minutes

- A. December 7 Executive Council Open Session: unanimously approved with amendments
- B. December Representative Council: unanimously approved with amendments.

II. Space Plan Approval—see *handout*

- A. Subject to signing a lease, improvements to new office space will begin
- B. Space plan was reviewed and edited by Executive Council
 - 1. A half wall was suggested to replace a wall/window opening in the front reception area.

Open Session closed. Confidential Session opened: 4:10 p.m.

Negotiations: Race To The Top MOU

Confidential Session closed. Open Session resumed: 4:30 p.m.

III. Teacher Budget Workgroups—see *handout*

- A. Draft of Agenda: review and edit
 - 1. Norms
 - a. Add: no sidebar conversations, silence cell phones
 - 2. District Powerpoint
 - a. Powerpoint was used in District presentation to School Board
 - b. Will use to illustrate district priorities
 - 3. Teacher priorities
 - a. Need to stay focused on student learning
 - i) Student learning is directly linked to teacher interests
 - b. What is effective use to teacher time to move student learning forward?
- B. Review prior cuts
 - 1. Facilitate understanding of budget
 - a. Avoid focusing on “things”
 - b. Difficult choices to be made
 - 2. In order to maintain student learning, what do teachers need?
 - a. What needs to stop being required of teachers?
 - i) Extra paperwork, extracurricular duties
 - 3. Provide visuals on how cuts reduce deficit

Open Session closed. Confidential Session opened: 5:15 p.m.

Labor Issues

Confidential Session closed. Open Session resumed: 5:55 p.m.

IV. CFT Convention

- A. Jim Dyer has expressed interest.
 - 1. No other reps or teachers have volunteered to attend.
 - 2. Confirmation by Reps at January Meeting
- B. Marc Houle will attend ex officio as CFT Vice President
 - 1. Jan Van Horne will be in attendance as a presenter

2. Cost for Marc and Jan will be covered by CFT.

V. Online Donation

- A. Website is ready to launch district wide at beginning of 2nd semester
- B. Will present to reps at January meeting

VI. Open Items

- A. SPED Summer School
 1. Being reduced to 3 hours from 4.
- B. PFT Leadership Seminars
 1. Building capacity for PFT
 2. Seminars will be once a month for 30 minutes
 - a. Announce at January rep meeting
 - b. Begin in February?

Meeting adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting: January 11, 2010

Submitted by Naomi Lukaszewski, PFT Secretary