

Spring Lake Park Teachers United Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:30 pm Webex Meeting

Present:

Kathleen Stalnaker, President	Kristine Powell, WW 7-8 Rep
Mary Mohr-Scinocca, Vice President	Scott Ecker, WW 5-6 Rep
Ann Baldwin, Secretary	Samantha Waibel, WC Rep
Kari Walton, Treasurer	Mary Strohmayer, PT Rep
Andy Walsh, Membership Chair	Jake Harren, NP Rep
Brenna Bloome, HS Rep & NSSU Rep	Alexis Martinson Stewart, EC/ABE Rep
Mariah Anderson, CV Rep	

Absent: none

Guest: Beth Anderson, Education MN Field Rep

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Stalnaker at 4:34 pm.

Secretary's Report: Ann Baldwin asked for approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2020, SLPTU Executive Council meeting. The minutes were approved by consent. No meeting was held in December 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Walton presented the current budget status and a summary of expenditures since our last meeting. Expenses included \$1,149 for NSSU dues. 1099-NEC's will be sent to members who received stipends of \$600 or more last year. The treasurer's report was accepted by consent.

Membership Report: Andy Walsh reported there are currently 444 teachers in the district. 48 are potential members, 7 are Tier 1 teachers, and 389 are SLPTU members.

NSSU Report: Brenna Bloome reported that the North Suburban Service Unit met last week. Pizza and Politics will be on February 22nd from 4:30-5:30 and it will be virtual. The focus is mainly on state government issues. Lobby Day is yet to be determined. A virtual negotiations training will be held on January 30th. NSSU will be planning a spring training. It has not been determined yet if it will be virtual or in person.

ECLF Report: Brenna Bloom reported the Early Career Leadership Fellowship team has connected guide teachers with new teachers. An informational session for new teachers is coming up that will cover loan forgiveness opportunities and retirement planning.

Business:

Election Runner Update: The SLPTU is currently holding the policy change vote through Election Runner. It closes tomorrow, January 21st. We have received 91 votes

out of 382 sent out. It was discovered that for teachers who signed up for Ed MN long ago, their email on file might no longer be valid. The cost of Election Runner is \$45 per vote/election. The Negotiations Team election will be held next. If building reps hear that a member did not receive their voting link, have them contact Kathleen Stalnaker. We have updated the email addresses that bounced back as 'undeliverable'. The subject line includes "SLPTU". The address should be noreply@electionrunner.com.

The council should consider gathering members' personal emails in order to improve communication. We will talk about this at a later meeting.

Negotiations Team Elections are next Wednesday and Thursday, January 27th and 28th. The candidates are:

Elementary Nominees	Secondary Nominees
Dog Cox	Wendy Hatchner
Andrew Gelbmann	Sara Crofton
Sophia Olson	Scott Smith
Haskel Black	Cora Becker
	Amy Hatchner
ECSE/ECFE Nominee is Alexis Martinsen Stewart	No Need for an ECSE/ECFE election.

Survey Monkey: Brenna shared information about the cost of Survey Monkey. There are three options which we are considering, costing \$34, \$25 and \$75 a month. Two of the options make it possible to run two surveys a month; the third option has the capacity to run three surveys a month. Election Runner does not give us the capacity to run surveys.

End of the Year Audit: Three people are needed to conduct the end-of-the-year audit. Contact Kari Walton by January 31st if you are willing to help. Scott Ecker, Mariah Anderson and Jake Harren volunteered.

COVID Vaccine Pilot: MN has chosen nine schools as pilot sites to administer COVID vaccines. Spring Lake Park has been allotted 13 vaccines. Kathleen will ask administration to send out the decision-making matrix they used to select the 13 staff members.

PD Questions: Sometimes the district offers training that meets the requirements for one of the relicensure check-off areas on in-school PD days. It is not a requirement that districts offer these. MEA Online (formerly LearnUpon) offers training in all of the check-off areas, except Suicide Prevention. However, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a class called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), which meets the Suicide Prevention requirement. NSSU offers a class in one of the check-off areas twice yearly. SLP Academy sometimes offers them as well.

Pressing Issues: High School: The challenge of multi-modal classes at 11th and 12th grade and students switching from online to hybrid. Elementary: It's not clear how the

district plans to handle the process of providing schoolwork for students who are quarantining.

Ed MN Update: Beth Anderson, Education MN field rep, shared that Minnesota is the only state that has already started vaccinating educators. With the pilot vaccination program, the expectation is that our district will get additional allotments each week from here on out. If you have an underlying condition that increases your risk or if you live with someone who is at increased risk and you feel you should be prioritized for the vaccine, you should let the district know. You are not required to notify the district. It is your decision. If you wish to inform the district, contact Human Resources. You will likely need documentation. For the bargaining team, the main conference is on January 30th. It is virtual and is open and free to all members, regardless of whether or not you are on the Negotiations Team. If you are interested in contract issues, you should consider attending. There will be a follow-up session on February 20th. This session will be a deeper dive into the January topics. Live sessions will be recorded and available on MEA Online. Be aware that there have been recent reports that members have received phone calls and union groups have experienced virtual visits from individuals who are not Education MN members, although they might appear to be. Make sure you know who you are talking to.

FAQ on Ed MN website: Education MN answers lots of common questions on their website: educationminnesota.org.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, at 4:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Baldwin, Secretary