GEA Minutes

February 7, 2023

Call to Order: 3:25pm

Present: Darcie Crete, Amanda St. Pierre, Mary Grassett, Kristen Pelchat, Julie Lawes, Kristi Damboise, Dave Saunders, Sarah Jane Nadeau, Lauren Merritt

Secretary’s Report: Accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: Accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship (Darcie, Kristen, and Amanda)

Darcie and Kristen reported took in $240 off of the baskets. Spent $100. Total profit $140. Have other gift cards that were donated that will be saved for later fundraisers. Scholarship applications due in May. Have almost $2000 in savings.

Grievance:

Nothing at this time.

Negotiations:

Nothing at this time.

Elections (Kendra, Kristi):

Kristi has reached out and talked to the spring delegates.

Elections for spring in March. Treasurer and President up for reelection.

Website: (Desrochers, Grassett, Tisbert)

Nothing at this time. Mary would like to jazz up the website with a better place to store minutes. Links not working. Julie will follow up. Dave willing to work on it. Mary needs to contact NEA NH.

Social: (Merritt)

Spring Social. Thursday May 25th at Pipe Dream. Kristi made the motion to spend up to $1500 for the social. Darcie seconded. Mary asked if spouses were formally invited. Discussion. No spouses formally invited. Drink tickets and appetizers. Motion passed.

By-Law Committee: (Former “Constitution”)

Nothing at this time

Sick Bank: (Lawes)

Three new members into the sick bank.

NEA-NH: (Damboise)

No one attends the monthly meetings. NEA-NH is struggling with attendance with meetings. Discussed maybe having a stipend position for someone to attend for gas? $50-$75? Dave might be able to attend.

Old Business:

Concerns about Foreign Language, being able to drop. Students misplaced. Parents overrule placement recommendations. Jess agrees should be some change. Issues with Content Lit as well.

New Business:

Mary and Julie are dealing with numerous issues. High school ongoing issue. MVMS issues. Maple Ave. Issues. Nothing grievable at this time. Administration is working with us.

Mary discusses HB267. Sponsored by Brian. Would require criminal background check at any time for any group of teachers/staff. Would only look at felonies. NEA trying to have it dismissed. State Police previously said no to background checks every two years as it would not be feasible.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 pm

Next meeting: March 7, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan P. Keller