

## STOUGHTON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

### Eboard minutes

November 3, 2008

#### Grievances/Negotiations/Issues:

- There is one grievance at the secondary level regarding preparation periods and course load. It is currently at level one.
- The negotiations team met with Tony Sarno to inquire about the proposal to change the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade model into the current middle school model for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The team was able to ask questions and start to gather information about the proposal. They set up additional dates to meet with various people. They will be meeting Nora Todd regarding licensing for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on November 18<sup>th</sup> and then again with Tony Sarno on November 24<sup>th</sup>. A fact finding survey completed with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. More information will be coming out after those meetings have happened.

#### Sick Bank Report:

- UNOFFICIAL Days as of 10/6/08                      355.00
- Activity in September                                      +    24.00
- Days as of 11/3/08    379.00
- This activity is from the days the new Professional Status teachers donated.

#### School Committee News:

- The School Committee approved a FY 09 budget freeze.
- The Assistant Superintendent search has started. The vote for an Assistant Superintendent is scheduled for the Dec 16<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting.

#### New Teacher Social:

- There will be a New Teacher Informational Meeting on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.

#### NCTA News:

- NCTA, in conjunction with Framingham State College, offers a one year, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved path to Professional Licensure in Early Childhood (PreK – 2), Elementary Education (1 – 6), Mathematics (5 – 8), Moderate Special Needs (pre K – 8, 5 – 12), General Science (5 – 8), and Mathematics/Science (5 – 8). For more information call Judy Riley Brown at 617 – 733 – 1782 or email her at [nctalicensure@comcast.net](mailto:nctalicensure@comcast.net)
- NCTA is offering a new scholarship this year. The Walter Hughes Teachers Scholarship is a \$1,500 scholarship that will be awarded to a child of an NCTA member who is enrolled in an Education program or who is currently in a teachers' licensure program. Applicants must be part way through the program. All applications will need to include their most recent transcript and proof of enrollment. The recipient has to be a child of a NCTA member who has taught in Norfolk County for at least three years.

- In addition, they are offering a new award. The Bill Mohan Friends of NCTA award will be given to towns who give the NCTA use of classrooms without a charge. Stoughton has no charge for teachers who teach in Stoughton and teach courses for NCTA.

**STA Information:**

- STA Newsletters and Minutes will be sent electronically throughout this school year. Please do not print the information at school. If you would like a hard copy print it at home or contact Amy Scullane for the newsletter or Kim Kellogg for the minutes and we will get it to you. There will also be a few copies available in the teacher's room at each school.
- Cash dues are due by December 1<sup>st</sup> to Linda Smith at the South School.

**Other:**

- There was a discussion on common planning time. The contract states that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after student dismissal time can be used for common planning. Teachers may wish to use an occasional prep period to meet with other teachers but it should be understood that the intention of a prep period is to provide teachers with an opportunity to prepare for classes.

**President Release Day** – November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Newsletter Deadline** – November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>

**Next Meeting** – December 1, 2008 Gibbons – teacher's room (Take a left in the lobby and go to the end of the hall – the teacher's room is on the right)

**Attendance:**

Hollie Blaustein	Bobbi Clark	Sue Cogliano
Debbie Conrad	Alyssa Dancey	Marjorie Erlich
John Gunning	Don Hulke	Maryann Kilgoar
Kim Kellogg	Robin Kenneally	Joyce Lewis
Sue Miller	Linda Nobil	Christine O'Malley
Stephanie Paquette	Carolyn Pudvah	Linda Rondeau
Linda Smith	Joni Swarts	

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kellogg