

DETROIT FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Executive Board Meeting – June 2, 2022

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by EVP Lakia Wilson-Lumpkins.

2. Roll Call of Officers

There is a quorum

3. Approval of Minutes

M1: Jason Posey (Brantley-Phillips/Broughton) made a motion to accept the May Minutes with any necessary corrections. **MOTION PASSED**

4. Treasurer's Report

July 2021 – April 2022 report was given by Treasurer Michelle Broughton.

5. PAC Report

Report given by Broughton, Jennings and Walton. Urged all members to please give to PAC. July 11, AFT was asking for participation in the March for Our Lives Campaign in Lansing for the Parkland situation in 2018 against gun violence. They want to do a nationwide campaign on that day. You can go to Lansing or to the Detroit Riverfront. Primary Elections are August 2nd. June 10th will be a National Day of Action with participants wearing orange and black.

6. Organizing Report

Yolanda King gave the report. For the month of May there were 25 new/recommit members. Final training was May 17th where there was a survey given to reps. Elections are still ongoing. 30 forms have been submitted so far. Information is on the DFT website. Dinner will be on the 14th or the 16th.

7. Spain Exception

There is a new employee/member nominated to be the Alternate Building Rep for Spain School. Signatures from every dues paying member in Spain School unanimously supported the request.

M2: Jason Posey (Jennings) made a motion to accept the recommendation of the exception for Nathan Wells at Spain School to the position of Alternate Building Rep. **MOTION PASSED**

8. President's Report

Guest speakers – Dr. Michael Rice – State Superintendent and Garlin Gilchrist II – Lt. Governor, will be guest speakers at next week's Membership Meeting. Please get your questions together to ask both. There are a number of critical issues that are going on that deals with our members. We are still in an endemic (pandemic). Gas is going up, and we definitely want to hear from them.

9. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. **Reading Opens the World** – we are feverishly trying to bring 10,000 books to Detroit. When President Weingarten came and they suggested that it would be wonderful to bring these books to Detroit. There is still no concrete date. It will be at Fellowship Chapel during the Juneteenth weekend. We will have a date by next Thursday.
- b. **50 Willing Workers** – In April, I asked members to help with the many issues that we have in this district. We cannot continue to be silent about all of these things. We need 50 people in red DFT shirts to show up and organize to address the school board. I am hoping that these 50 willing members will meet us for the June 14th meeting. A meeting will be scheduled so that we can organize.

10. Good of the Order

- Kendra Barclay is part of Educators for Whitmer committee. If there are things that you want to see or discuss with our Governor, please contact me via e-mail – Kbarclay75@yahoo.com .
- Rachele Green – wants to know the status of the punch in clock for ancillary staff only.
- Vida Bonacci - We will need volunteers for the Reading Opens the World event.
- Kendra Barclay - Is there any clarification on class sizes for next year? We are slated to lose a teacher based upon what they have now.
- Lisa Card – Is there a chance that we can encourage the District in regards to grading an ESE student in the GE world.
- Rachele Green – If our leadership can't stop them from imposing this punch system – will it be put on ALL employees of the District?

11. Adjournment

M3: Jason Posey (Jennings/Brantley-Phillips) made a motion to adjourn. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Brantley-Phillips. DFT Recording Secretary