

DETROIT FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

General Membership Meeting

June 9, 2022

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order @4:34 p.m. by President Terrence Martin

2. Roll Call of Officers

3. Approval of Minutes

M1: Jason Posey made a motion to accept the May 2022 minutes as printed with any necessary corrections. **MOTION PASSED**

President Martin asked if there were any objections to changing the order of the Agenda this evening to have the Executive Vice President's report before the President's report. There were no objections.

4. Treasurer's Report

There was no report presented. Financial report was put in chat.

5. PAC Report

Executive Board Member Marcus Walton gave the report.

6. Organizing Report

Report given this month by Jason Posey with 25 new/recommit members to DFT. The last training was May 17. Building rep and committee elections are still going on. If your school has not submitted the paperwork, please do so. We would like to have every building represented by the fall.

7. Spain Exception

There was a member at Spain who wanted to serve as alternate rep but had not been an employee for a year. The Executive Board voted to allow member to serve as alternate rep.

- **Swearing In**

Mignon Pierce was sworn in as a member of the Elections Committee.

8. Executive Vice President's Report

- a. Reading Opens the World** – When Randi Weingarten visited Spain and Coleman Young and pledged to donate books. She is donating 50,000 but will receive 10,000 books and spread it across several different events. We need

help! If you can assist, please send me an e-mail at lwilson@dft231.com and put Books in the subject line. I also need members to come and get some books! Teachers can get classroom sets of books for K-12. It will be held on Friday, June 17th from 3 – 8 p.m. @ Fellowship Chapel, located at 7707 Outer Dr. in Detroit. Please spread the word with colleagues and with your students.

- b. **50 Willing Workers** – I wanted to have a strong showing at next week’s School Board meeting next week. There is strength in numbers and we want to have a good showing. Please wear your red DFT shirt!
- c. **Annual Building Rep Luncheon** – Tuesday, June 21. Reps will receive invitations.

9. President’s Report

Guest Speaker – Dr. Michael Rice – State Superintendent

- Dr. Rice shared the Top 10 Strategic Education Plan
- Goals 7 and 8 help guide all other goals in this plan.
- Mary Brockman – question about student growth and the evaluation
- Rachele Green – can any additional dollars for ancillary be allotted and marked as specifically for us? We are often forgotten
- Dionne Shell – OT/PT question about seats on Governor’s tasks forces?
- Cheryl Young (King HS) – Diagnosed mental illness that has been addressed in schools. Social worker is shared with 4 other schools, while the psychologist is designated as for testing only. What can we do about this?
- Kendra White (Virtual School) – Class size exemptions for evaluations of teachers with overcrowded classes.
- Regina Hunter (SSW Charles Wright) – SBET is a more complicated process. Is it mandated by the state and if so, why? *Not a state or national mandate. It is DPSCD/Wayne RESA.*
- *The more time we spend on paper is less time we spend on kids.*
- Donna Kennedy (SSW) – It is difficult to find a SSW or Psychologist if you need one. We have lost a great deal of SSW’s because of the exam that must now be taken to work.
- Sharreen Hardy(Counselor Central HS) – abundance of students with reading issues. Beyond Basics program will be discontinued after this year. What consideration is being given to address reading and writing deficiencies of students?

10. Good of the Order

Have an outstanding break! We will reach out over the summer with updates, so stay tuned!

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elena Brantley-Phillips, DFT Recording Secretary