

NEA-NH
Western Region Council Meeting
Lui – Lui’s – West Lebanon
Monday, September 16, 2019

Future dates: October 28, 2019, November 18, 2019, January 13, 2020, (March 20, 2020 = Assembly of Delegates), March 23, 2020, May 11, 2020

The following members were in attendance:

Carol Ahern – Hanover SS, Jennifer Bewersdorf – KREA – Kearsarge, Peggy Blaine – Fall Mountain SS, Karen Brown – Fall Mountain TA, Steven Dayno – LEA, Lisa Ferrigno – Newport Co-President, Kris Fessenden – NEA/NH Staff, Andrew Gamble – Lebanon TA, Amanda Hughlock – Sunapee, Karen Ladd -NEA Univserv Director, Liz Murray – Hanover President, Shannon O’Connor – Newport SS, Megan Prince – Mascoma EA, Terrie Scott – Newport SS, Kathy Scott – Sunapee TA, Cathy Stephens - Fall Mountain TA, Jen Wallstrom – Grantham, Tammy Yates – SREA, Claremont

- The session began with a review and revision of the May meeting minutes:
 - Approved with (minor) changes – Andrew Gamble, Seconded by Tammy Yates = Passed
- Legislative Update & Executive Board Report: Karen Ladd, and Karen Brown
 - October 19 = National Period Day: All girls’ and Non-gender bathrooms are to provide sanitary supplies
 - Micro credentials
 - Goals of NEA/NH
 - Increase Membership
 - Relevant to Members
 - Strengthen Executive Membership
 - Political and Educational Issues
- Jen Bewersdorf:
 - Grant from NEA/NH to override Governor’s Veto
 - FMLA = Not quite settled as of yet
 - COLA = Passed
 - Non-renewal bill – Still not switched back from five years to three
 - Critical Shortage list: Everything with the exception of Elementary is on this list
 - Be very cautious and wary of CBA language that describes and mentions critical shortages
- Uniserv Director’s Report: Karen Ladd
 - MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP!!
 - Dues could be reduced if membership were to increase
 - Three new positions @ Newport
 - Western Region section of NEA/NH website is available for viewing
 - Fall Mountain PD day held August 23, 2019 hosted Irv Richardson and three other teacher/presenters! (Great job NEA/NH!! ☺)
 - Nine locals are negotiating this year (lowest for Karen so far!)
 - “Duty of Fair Representation” (This includes non-members)
- Richard Fallon – DOE Investigator

- Membership Information:
 - Dropping membership after 12/1 does not release you from your dues responsibility
 - Information for membership numbers: CY = Current Year, PY = Previous Year
 - Fall Instructional Conference information is now available

- Clarification for Regional Council Meetings: 4:30 – 5:00 = Arrive & Socialize, 5:00 start time
 - There are 24 locals: Perhaps representation of no less than 6 in order to hold council meeting
 - Include “Burning Issues” in the invitation
 - Suggestion to hold a raffle to make things a bit more fun

- “Housekeeping”
 - Elections:
 - Regional Chair = Cathy nominated Jen, Peggy seconded. No discussion = Passed
 - Secretary = Tammy nominated Cathy, Teri seconded. No discussion = Passed
 - Treasurer = Teri nominated Shannon, Lisa seconded. No discussion = Passed
 - Vice-Chair = Liz nominated Andrew, Jarrod seconded. No discussion Passed

6:30 Megan, Motion to adjourn, seconded by Liz → Passed!

Travel safely and have a great school year! ☺