

# Christina Paraprofessional Association

## General Meeting

March 16, 2017

Meeting Minutes Time: 4:00 p.m.

Called to order: Perla Acevedo/Karen Sarrafian

Schools represented are highlighted: **Bancroft**, Bayard, **Brader**, **Brennan** Residential, **Brookside**, **Christiana High**, **CEEC**, **DAP**, **Downes**, Gallaher, Gauger, Glasgow, **Jones**, Keene, Kirk, Leasure, **Maclary**, **Marshall**, **McVey**, **Networks**, Newark High, Oberle, Palmer, **Pulaski**, Sarah Pyle, Shue, Smith, **Sterk**, Stubbs, West Park, Wilson

**After you sign in please look over the treasurer report and meeting minutes for a vote to accept.**

### Old Business –

Karen Sarrafian is Election Committee Chairperson - open nominations – email Karen at her school email. Nominations taken from the floor – Perla Acevedo – Executive Board, Vida Dawkins, Executive Board

**Negotiations – Kyle Lynch** – on or after April 3<sup>rd</sup> – dress code is biggest issue – Julie comments no issues so far stemming from addition of dress code to teacher contract.

**Treasurer Report – Barbara Jean** - \$1020.50 paid as half of arbitration bill, \$100 transferred from savings to checking to keep account from going dormant. Online access to accounts has been set up. Checking balance Feb \$8,796.89, Savings balance \$21,431.54

### **Calendar and Communications – Terry Gast** –

- Calendar for next year being finalized – first read goes to board next Tuesday – for next year (2018) paras are off Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2018, and June 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 is last day for paras, teachers work 12<sup>th</sup> (pending no snow make up days)

- Calendar for CPA meetings – Thursdays will remain our meeting days – dates to be finalized by our last meeting
- Para Spotlight – Samantha Schuler – Terry will post on website
- Bulletin Board contest deadline May 1st

### **New Business** –

**Para Power Presentation by Vida Dawkins** – Vida attended a conference where she gained insight on team building and roles and responsibilities of the para. Discussions around resolving issues, good communication, common goals with teaching partner and co-workers were key issues as well as advocacy for each other. She encouraged others at the meeting to take advantage of these opportunities.

**Uniserv Director – Julie Harrington** – Julie will be meeting with district regarding any upcoming budget cuts. There are forums with Governor and other state officials regarding our deficit of \$350 million dollars – Julie believes that if this is not resolved there will be cuts.

Julie encouraged members to think about signing up to attend the para institute. Application due March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ESSA presentation – Mary Lou McDowell** – tabled – Mary Lou had a family emergency

### **Announcements**

Helen thanked everyone for the raffle basket donations. We will find out how much was raised by our baskets at next meeting

- Benefits Fair - Scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at General Meeting – Helen continues to enlist vendors – dessert night
- Community conversations with Gov. Carney – see attached list
- DSEA Spring PD Day – April 8th
- Ethnic Minority Leadership Conference – April 29<sup>th</sup> - DSU

Meeting adjourned: 5:35 p.m.