



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

September 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Keith Harvey.

## I. **President's Report – Keith Harvey**

### A. **Welcome back to another wonderful school year.**

Thank you very much for an amazing opening of school. Your level of professionalism, care and dedication for the student has been recognized by everyone in the educational community. Best of luck to Mr. Weiss in his new position and we look forward to working with Dr. Gallagher and Central Administration in their new roles.



### B. **Website**

Please visit us at our website [www.lbcta.com](http://www.lbcta.com)

### C. **Condolences to the family Joseph Caruso. Mr. Caruso was a Guidance Counselor at the Middle School, President of the LBCTA, and President of the Long Beach School District Retirees Association. Mr. Caruso can be thanked for many of the working conditions that we still enjoy today and the strong foundation he set in our contract. He was an asset to the Long Beach culture and community and will be sadly missed. The LBSDRA will be awarding an extra scholarship this year in memory of Joe Caruso. Donations can be sent to the LBSDRA Scholarship Fund:**

Sandy Volpe  
166 Audubon Blvd  
Island Park, NY 11558

### D. **NYSUT Pocket Calendars**

The calendars have arrived. If you would like a 2017-18 NYSUT pocket calendar please contact me at [kharvey@lbeach.org](mailto:kharvey@lbeach.org).

### E. **Long Beach Aware**

Long Beach Medical Center established the Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking in August 2000 to address the public health epidemic of underage drinking and other drug use in the Long Beach community. The CTA is very proud of our long standing partnership with them. Once again they will be hosting their annual "Breakfast of Champions" and this year's honorees are Harvey Weisenberg, Marcia Mule, Sara Dowler, Long Beach Auxiliary Police Department and Nicholas Restivo.

**Keith Harvey**

*President*

**Karen Bloom**

*Executive Vice-President*

**Amy Leder**

*Vice-President for Secondary Schools*

**Beth Prostick**

*Vice-President for  
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**Patricia Van Loon**

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*Corresponding Secretary*

**James Fiola**

*Treasurer*

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**F. NYSUT Leadership Training**

Following is a schedule of the workshops and conferences to be presented by the NYSUT Nassau regional office during the 2017-18 year. Please let me know if there are any you would like to attend. The workshops shown in CAPITALIZED font make up the “core curriculum” workshops for new building reps. Building reps that are not brand new but are relatively inexperienced would also benefit from taking these workshops.

**SEPTEMBER-JUNE WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES**

(Workshops begin at 4:00 PM and typically end by 6:30 PM)

- September 26** – FRONTLINE 1 (BR)
- October 3** – THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS (GC, BR, EB, O)
- October 11** – Using Member Data (O, IOC, EB, PAC, BR)
- October 12** – Managing Local Union Finances (T, O, EB)
- October 19** – FRONTLINE 2 (BR)
- October 25** – THE BUILDING REP AS ORGANIZER (BR)
- October 28** – Fall Leadership Conference (Huntington Hilton) (ALL)
- November 14** – Presidents’ Roundtable (Local Presidents)
- November 15** – THE MECHANICS OF NEGOTIATIONS (O, NT, BR)
- December 2** – Early Career Member Leadership Conference (Huntington Hilton)
- December 5** – Teacher Negotiations (O, NT)
- January 10** – School Board Elections & Budget Votes (PAC, EB, O, BR)
- Date TBD** – Winter Leadership Conference (Crest Hollow CC) (ALL)
- March 7** – State of the State (O, EB)
- March 14** – Workplace Health & Safety (BR, H&S, EB)
- March 20** – LEGAL ISSUES (BR, EB, O)
- April 17** – Presidents’ Roundtable (Local presidents)
- April 19** – Union History (BR, ALL)
- May 1** – Civil Service (O, EB of SRP locals/chapters)
- May 8** – SRP Dinner & Conference (ALL SRP)
- Date TBD** – Pre-Retirement Workshop (ALL)
- Date TBD** – Pre-Retirement Workshop (ALL)
- May 31** – Agency Fee: Then & Now (O, EB, BR, IOC)
- June 6** – Tenure (ALL teachers and teaching assistants)

**G. 2017-18 Executive Board Dates**

9/18/17	12/11/17	3/12/18	5/14/18
10/23/17	1/8/18	3/26/18	6/11/18
11/13/17	1/22/18	4/9/18	
11/29/17	2/12/18	4/23/18	

**H. Coaching pay dates**

**Middle and High School Fall:** 9/29 and 10/27

**Middle School Winter I:** 12/8 and 1/19

**High School Winter:** 12/22 and 2/2

**Middle School Winter II:** 2/16 and 3/16

**High School Spring:** 4/13 and 5/11

**Middle School Spring:** 4/27 and 6/8

## I. Study Money

**Fall-** Sept 29, 2017 **Winter-** Dec 8, 2017 **Summer-** May 11, 2018

Applications to participate in the fall Study Money program should be received by the HR department by September 29. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program - Group A](#).

## J. Work Related Travel

If you are assigned to more than one building per day or attend a pre-approved out of district conference or meeting you are entitled to a travel stipend. The 2017 reimbursement rate is 53.5 cents. Travel claims should be submitted to your direct supervisor for verification and signature. A list of dates and miles driven must be attached to your claim. For travel within the district a mile chart has been created and available on the Association's web site. [Mileage Chart Link](#)

## K. Conference Funds

Funds are available for you to attend pre-approved conferences outside the district. The maximum allocation per conference is \$500. Meals are reimbursed at the following rates; \$20 (breakfast), \$20 (lunch), and \$40 (dinner) per day IF NOT covered by the conference fees, plus tax and reasonable (15%-18%) gratuities. For one-day local conferences, lunch is the only reimbursable meal. Receipts for all meals must accompany your claim form. You will also be reimbursed for travel at the rate of 53.5 cents per mile plus tolls or the actual cost of public transportation. Please keep in mind that the \$500 limit is inclusive of meals and transportation.

## L. Packing and Unpacking

If you are directed to pack up your room in anticipation of construction, summer school or summer camp you are entitled to be compensated for your efforts. The rate is \$25.27 per hour. However your claim cannot exceed \$100. The work must be done outside of the school day and a record kept of the dates and times you worked.

## M. Payroll Codes

Below is a copy of the Payroll Codes. It is also available on the association's web site at <http://www.lbcta.com/helpful-links.html>

Code	Description	Code	Description
AFLAC AE	AFLAC	TRS	Teachers Retirement System
AFLAC CP	AFLAC	TRS-VOL	TRS Voluntary
ERSAR 414	ERS Arrears	RSAR	TRS Arrears
ERS	ERS	TRSLN	TRS Loan
ERSAR	ERS Arrears	TSA-45	TSA- Paul Revere
ERSBACK	ERS Adjustments	TSA-46	TSA- State Mutual
ERSLN	ERS Loan	TSA-47	TSA- Legend Group
GARNNET	Garnishment Taxes	TSA-48	TSA-The Travelers
MDED01	Union Dues SEA	TSA-49	TSA- PIMCO
MDED02	Agency Fee Payer	TSA-50	TSA- Met Life
MDED03	Union Dues CTA	TSA-51	TSA- Aetna (ING)
MDED04	Garnishment	TSA-52	TSA- Fidelity Invest.
MDED05	Credit Union	TSA-53	TSA- Oppenheimer
MDED06	Union Dues SAANYS	TSA-54	TSA- Vanguard Fiduciary
MDED08	Insurance	TSA-55	TSA- The Equitable
MDED09	Prior Year	TSA-56	TSA- NY Life
MDED10	Child Support	TSA-57	TSA- AUSA Remittance
MDED11	Tax Garnishment	TSA-60	TSA- T Rowe Price
MDED12	NYSUT	TSA-61	TSA- Dreyfus Tax Shelter
MDED14	Health	VOTE-COPE	Vote-Cope
MDED15	Flex		

## N. **Eyeglass Reimbursement**

We are in year two of a new two year cycle for eyeglasses/contacts purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. To better accommodate the purchase of over the counter glasses the district has created a new claim form which should be available in all of the main offices. On the form you will attest that the glasses are for your personal use. Completed [claim forms](#) with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department c/o Administration.

## II. **Committees**

### A. **Grievance Committee—Karen Bloom**

1. Unfortunately we were denied at Stage 4 for our Pre-K grievance, allowing students to attend LB Schools. It was considered to be a fringe benefit, which Pre-K teachers are not entitled to.

2. Please contact me if you have any issues that you feel are a violation of our contract.

### B. **Negotiation Committee—Chief Negotiator’s Report—Keith Harvey**

I will be presenting the potential Sick Bank changes to the executive board on October 23. If the Executive board approves the changes they will be presented at a general membership meeting for ratification.

### C. **New Member Committee—Jim Fiola**

We hope that everyone is off to a great start. Welcome to the teachers brand new to Long Beach. For the returning new member teachers, if you had a mentor, he/she will now become your union buddy as you are guided toward tenure. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jim Fiola at [jfiola@lbeach.org](mailto:jfiola@lbeach.org) or Alison Katulka at [akatulka@lbeach.org](mailto:akatulka@lbeach.org). Please note that **official Fall New Member/Mentor party** will be on Friday Nov 3rd at Ale House in Point Lookout. Save the Date! An email invitation will follow. **Please contact us if you**

**don’t have a buddy or mentor.** Don’t be afraid to ask questions. There are **many** people here who will help you.

### D. **Political Action Committee—Beth Prostick**

1. The Constitutional Convention election is November 7! Please spread the word by displaying a car magnet, wearing a button or placing a lawn sign on your property. If you already requested any of the items mentioned your building reps will be delivering them to you.

2. If you would like any of the items, please ask your building reps. Each building was given extra magnets and buttons. If you would like a lawn sign, please email me at [LBCTAPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LBCTAPAC@gmail.com).

3. Please use the literature “Pandora’s Box” to discuss the importance of voting no for the Constitutional Convention at your building meetings.

4. We will have our first PAC meeting on September 25 at 3:45 in Lido room L25.

### E. **Public Relations—Amy Leder**

1. Please join us on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Jones Beach, for the Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk. If you cannot walk, please consider donating by clicking on the link- [Donation Link](#). We continue to be overwhelmed by everyone’s love and support towards reaching our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

You can purchase a shirt for \$15 by clicking on the click link- [Shirt Order Link emailed to you](#) or *you can email me personally at [aleder@lbeach.org](mailto:aleder@lbeach.org)*. Payment should be sent to Amy Leder at the High School, and all shirt proceeds will go to Making Strides.

2. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we invite all buildings you to wear PINK on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Money raised will go directly towards our Making Strides goal.



3. Save the date for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LBCTA fundraiser at RVC Lanes (Rockville Centre) on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Last year was a huge success thanks to all of your love and support. It's not too early to start creating your team. More information to follow soon.

4. Our first PR committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 pm at Lido School.**

**F. Teacher Center**

1. The LBTC is currently waiting to receive the grant. We have posted all Fall classes on MLP.  
2. Thank you to those who expressed interest and signed up for our first National Board cohort.

3. The center is currently working to bring a special education extension program to the district as well as start another admin cohort. Please look for an email when open house dates are finalized.

4. We are beginning to contact instructors for the winter sessions. If you are interested in running a class and have not already contacted me, please email me at [lbtc@lbeach.org](mailto:lbtc@lbeach.org).

5. Finally, if you learn of any good PD courses, please forward them to me at [lbtc@lbeach.org](mailto:lbtc@lbeach.org) so I may share them with the district. Thank you for supporting the LBTC.

**III. Executive Vice President's Report—Karen Bloom**

**A.** Welcome back to another great school year! I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making the opening of our schools as smooth as possible.

**B.** Congratulations to Dr. Gallagher and good luck to Mr. Weiss!

**C. APPR**

1. At this point, you should have received and acknowledged your composite scores. Remember you can only appeal an Ineffective or Developing rating. If you have not received this, please let me know ASAP.

2. Please take an active role in the observation process. Keep in mind that the Danielson framework that we use is based on best practice and observable measures. You should not see opinions from your evaluation team. Be sure to address issues in your post observation conferences.

3. The deadline has passed for us to receive our evaluators. According to Dr. Natali, we will be receiving this information by Wednesday.

4. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.

**D. Health & Safety Committee**

1. I will be serving as the associations' representative again this year. The first meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 4:00 pm, place TBA.

2. The School board decided to move forward with the plan to reduce energy costs. This will include installing solar panels on multiple buildings. Although this will be great in the long run, this will delay the fixing of the roof at the high school, as well as West School until at least next summer, when the work is scheduled to start.

3. An RFP has been put out for a traffic study and report to address the current issues at both the high school and the Middle School/Lido Complex. We are hoping to have more answers by the end of the month, according to Mr. DeVito.

4. Windows-So far the district fixed approximately 155 windows at Lindell which is approximately 1/3 of the total windows and they expect to finish the rest by next week. They will then

begin fixing the windows of East School. In addition, fans have been installed in all elementary classrooms! Thank you to buildings and grounds for getting this done!

5. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at [kbloom@lbeach.org](mailto:kbloom@lbeach.org).

**D. District Safety Team**

1. I will be serving as the association's representative to the team again this year. The first meeting is on November 14th at 4:00 pm, place TBA.

2. The Security Booth at the high school has been approved. We are waiting for parts to get started on the construction. According to Mr. DeVito, work should begin shortly.

3. We are still awaiting a plan to address the many different keys used both within and across buildings in the district.

4. If you have any Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at [kbloom@lbeach.org](mailto:kbloom@lbeach.org).

**E. Other**

1. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible.

2. Please consider donating days to our District Sick Bank. The form is on our website at [www.lbcta.com](http://www.lbcta.com).

**IV. Vice President for Elementary Schools' Report—Beth Prostick**

A. Welcome back! Hope you all had a smooth opening of our new school year. By now, the buses should have all worked out the kinks and should be leaving in a timely fashion. Mr. DeVito has been working on one bus at Lido that has been consistently late. I believe the issue has been corrected.

B. Please consider walking with us for the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk on October 15. If you cannot walk, please consider making a donation. You can also purchase a shirt for \$15 each. Payment should be sent to Amy Leder at the High School, and all shirt proceeds will go to Making Strides.

C. Our first Elementary Council meeting will be on October 2, at 3:45 in Lido room L25.

D. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at [bprostick@lbeach.org](mailto:bprostick@lbeach.org).

**V. Vice President for Secondary Schools' Report—Amy Powers**

A. Welcome back. I hope everyone is well rested and had a nice summer. Here's to a great year together.

B. Please let me know if there are any outstanding concerns from last school year that still need to be addressed.

C. Our first Secondary meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in LBHS Guidance**. Please let me know if you can or cannot be there.

**VI. Treasurer's Report—Jim Fiola**

A. I would like to welcome the new teachers and building reps. I hope that you all had a great summer and that your school year is off to a great start. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank. Also please consider joining us on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> for the Making Strides Walk. I would encourage you to attend a few School Board meetings during the year. Your presence is always noted. Also, best wishes to Mr. Weiss on his new endeavors with IB.

**If you have any changes to your personal file (address, name, etc.), please email them to me at [jfiola@lbeach.org](mailto:jfiola@lbeach.org).**

**B. June Financial Results**

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT	\$14,903	Union dues	\$40,023
AFT	8,920	Year End Celebration	82
Officer and Rep Stipends	27,285	Vote Cope	2, 513
Taxes and Insurance	7,961	Ad Insert	100
Public Relations	546		_____
Donations	670	Total	\$42,718
Meeting Expenses	935		
Training	1160		
Phone	176		
	_____		
Total	\$62,586		

**July and August Financial Results**

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
Taxes and Insurance	\$275		
Donations	100		
Meeting Expenses	362		
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Total	\$737	Total	_____
			0

C. Union dues for 2017/2018 for full-time members will be \$1,014.36. The break-out is \$397 local, \$378 NYSUT, \$231.36 AFT dues and \$8 PTA. \$98.54 will be taken from your first check of the month and will show up under the column "MDED-03." We are determined to keep your dues as low as possible while still meeting our local obligations and making charitable contributions to the Long Beach community.

**VII. Building Reports**

**A. West School**

1. WELCOME back to everyone and hope your school year has gotten off to a great start.
2. Thank you to John Mule and his staff for having the building shine in anticipation for the first day of school!
3. A BIG West welcome to our new colleagues Jennifer Engler in third grade, Travis Van Nosstrand in fifth grade, Christine La Marca as our Literacy Coach, and Stacie Kaufer, our new Spanish Teacher.
4. We would also like to welcome Christine O'Driscoll in the main office and Peggy Wagner in the health office.
5. Best wishes to David Weiss on his future plans.
6. Congratulations to Kim Bowie on becoming Mrs. Short.

7. Congratulations to Donna Fee on the marriage of her daughter Casey to R.J.
8. A special Congrats to Donna and Jack Fee on the birth of their granddaughter Savanna.
9. Congratulations to Colleen Vella on her engagement to Joey.
10. Congratulations Tiffany Ortiz on the birth of he son Caleb!
11. We wish Natasha Nurse the BEST of everything in her new adventure as Curriculum Coach. We will miss her VERY much!!!
12. Thank you to our Amazing PTA for a successful Wild West Roundup Night!
13. Thank you to the District for our yummy first day luncheon.
14. Condolences to Craig West on the passing of his father.
15. The technology issues in the building are not being addressed in a timely manner.
16. Please join together on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Jones Beach, for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. If you cannot walk please contribute what you can to our goal.
17. We need to rebuild our sick day bank and are asking everyone to donate at least one sick day if you can this year. We encourage anyone who has not done so to consider donating a day.
18. Staff parking continues to be an issue with regards to the new construction of driveways in the West End of Long Beach.

**B. Lindell School**

1. Thank you to Scott and the custodial staff for having our building clean and ready for our students and staff to begin this new school year!
2. We welcome: Dr. Pullara our Assistant Principal, Sophia Fogarazzo our new Computer Assistant, Dr. King our Spirit Instructor, Marissa Koller our new Reading Teacher, Natasha Nurse our Instructional Coach, Lorraine Rilling our new Art Teacher and our many new Teaching Assistants.
3. Welcome back Dana Runfola and Sara Mayo from their maternity leaves.
4. Best wishes to Mr. Weiss.
5. Many thanks to the Lindell PTA for a great Family Fun Night and for hosting a Lindell movie night. A Night at the Museum was shown on the field overlooking the beautiful bay.
6. Please consider making a donation to the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and consider joining us on the walk at Jones Beach.
7. There are several technology issues and only one tech in the building who is working hard but is yet to address all the help desk ticket requests.
8. The staff appreciates the fans that were installed in the classrooms.
9. Wishing everyone a successful new school year!

**C. East School**

1. Welcome back to another great school year.
2. Thanks to our custodial staff for having our building in such great shape and ready for our students on the first day of school.
3. Congratulations to Rebecca Wesselhoft on the birth of her son, Peter Thomas.
4. Congratulations to Katie Duguay on the birth of her third son, Quinn Kennedy.
5. Congratulations to Jennifer Diamond on her marriage to Ed Imberman.
6. Congratulations to our own Lori Niloff! On October 26th at Bridgeview Yacht Club she is being honored by the Long Beach Latino Civic Association as Educator of the Year.
7. Welcome to our wonderful new teachers: Melissa Canner - 3rd grade, Lorraine Rilling - Art, Lori Hartfield - SPIRIT & Librarian, Natasha Nurse - Instructional Coach.
8. And welcome to our new nurse, Heather Ricardo.
9. Condolences to Craig West on the death of his father.

10. We are concerned that there has not been a full-time position Social Worker at East for 7 years. She has been a .2 homeless coordinator. While we are promised that this is going to be a rotating position each year, it never rotates to the other elementary buildings. This is putting a strain on the social-emotional well being of our students.

11. The staff continues to report many technology issues. These issues are not being addressed in a timely manner.

12. Busses are not arriving to East on time during dismissal. Therefore buses are not departing East until at least 3:40 everyday.

#### **D. Lido School**

1. Many thanks to our Head Custodian, Brendan Scully, and his custodial staff for all their hard work in preparing Lido School for the start of the school year.

2. Condolences to Erin Allison on the loss of her father.

3. Congratulations to Gillian Bella on her recent marriage.

4. Welcome back to Lido School Lauren Kaufman as one of our Instructional Coaches.

5. Welcome to Lido School: Panagiota Doukas (Speech), Christine LaMarca (Instructional Coach), Michelle Maurici (Teacher), Esther Pascal (FLES), Rocco Tenebruso (Gym), Ann Wiemann (Teacher).

6. We're thankful for the fans installed in many of our classrooms.

7. Best wishes to Superintendent David Weiss on his future endeavors!

8. We appreciate the efforts made by Brenda Young, Sharon Weiss, and Mike DeVito on improving the dismissal of all students in a timelier manner since the start of the school year.

9. Some computer equipment is still in need of repair.

10. Thanks to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating.

11. Wear PINK on Thursday, 10/5/17 to show support for the fight against breast cancer.

12. PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING/DONATING TO "AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK" TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY, 10/15/17 AT JONES BEACH STATE PARK.

13. Remember to vote NO on the 2017 Constitution Vote on November 7, 2017. Spread the word to family and friends the importance of this vote.

#### **E. Pre-K**

1. Welcome back. We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer.

2. Thank you to our custodians for all their hard work this summer. Our rooms look great.

3. Get well wishes to our TA's: Judy Ungar, Vivian Kramer and Claire McGovern. Welcome back. We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer.

#### **F. Middle School**

1. Welcome back! We hope everyone had a pleasant and restful summer.

2. We would like to welcome the following people to the Middle School:

Seraphina D'Anna (Psychologist), Sean Miller (Special Education) and Michael Santoro (Technology)

Leave Replacements: Marie DiGiovanni (Special Education), Christina Kile (English) and Rachel Ray (Physical Education)

Permanent Substitutes: Kaysi Ward, Michael Vasikauskas and Tammy Richards

All new Teaching Assistants.

We look forward to working with each of you.

3. Congratulations to Jasmin Osario on her marriage to Francisco Salazar.

4. Congratulations to Lauren Behan on the birth of her son, Thomas Kevin.

5. Congratulations to Lindsay Pichichero on the birth of her daughter, Scarlett Nicole.
6. Good Luck to David Weiss on his future endeavors. Congratulation to Dr. Jennifer Gallagher on her appointment as Interim Superintendent.
7. Thank you to Brendan Scully and the middle school custodial staff for their diligent work to prepare the Middle School for the start of the school year.
8. We would like to express our appreciation to administration for ensuring that all curriculum materials/supplies were ordered and received in a timely fashion. Teachers began the year prepared making for a smooth start to the year for all. A special thanks to Mary Ellen Condon and Elissa Probeyahn for all of their time and hard work.
9. Thank you to Dayna Obidienzo and her students in our Life Skills program for preparing and distributing first aid kits for each classroom and office.
10. Get well wishes to Melanie Scott. We wish her a speedy recovery!
11. Welcome back to Grace Parisi.
12. Congratulations to Stacy Rice on her Wheel of Fortune win!
13. Please remember to continue to spread the word to your family and friends to vote **NO** against a NYS Constitutional Convention on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
14. **Team LBCTA 11561** is back! The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk will take place on October 15, 2017 at Jones Beach. Please consider joining our team, LBCTA 11561, as we raise money for this very worthy cause. If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation please visit: [Making Strides Against Breast Cancer](#) or contact Amy Leader at [aleder@lbeach.org](mailto:aleder@lbeach.org).
15. We encourage all staff to continue to donate to our sick bank.
16. Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

**G. High School**

1. Welcome back to all returning and new staff.
2. Best wishes to Mr. Weiss.
3. Welcome to new teachers:
  - Mr. Thomas Gaynor - Special Education
  - Mr. Jordan Hue - English
  - Ms. Stephanie Kornacki - Art
  - Mr. Charles O'Dowd - Permanent Substitute
  - Mr. Seth Patton - Health Office
  - Ms. Lindsay Pichichero - World Language
  - Mr. Joseph Van Wie - Social Studies
4. Condolences to Flor West and Craig West on the loss of Craig's father.
5. Congratulations Elizabeth Rodriguez, Jillian Bella, Enza Salamone, Neal Campbell, Serena Fields, Brian Petchauer, Laina Beale on their recent marriages.
6. Thank you to the administration and the tech team for trying to create a smooth opening to the school year. The staff have been reporting classroom computer and technology issues, and the "tech help desk" team have been working toward addressing those issues promptly.
7. Some teachers' files in their documents folder were missing which caused issues for teachers looking to start the year.
8. We appreciate the effort that went into ensuring the classrooms were ready for the first day. We hope to continue to build on this relationship and explore ways to improve upon the success of this year for following years.
9. The district Chromebook initiative faced some challenges in rollout this year. There were some Chromebooks that did not transfer from the middle school to the high school at the

start of the school year and many new entrants to the school. There were also Chromebooks that were handed in for service and never came back from being fixed. We appreciate the attention that the building administration paid to this matter to ensure that next year the rollout is more efficient.

**10.** The district should explore hiring a director of technology in order to coordinate both district technology hardware and software initiatives.

**11.** Thank you to the custodial staff for their efforts in making the building look great upon arrival this year. We are still experiencing some issues with inconsistent heating and cooling in some classroom. Some rooms on the 2nd and third floor have had no air circulation or cooling. We appreciate the efforts being made to address those issues and hope they are resolved quickly. Also, there were lights on the 3rd floor that were out in some classrooms and bathrooms and we appreciate the attention that the custodial staff paid in addressing and fixing the problems.

**12.** The district still needs to study the traffic pattern at the High School to ensure the safety of Students, Teachers, and Residents.

**13.** Some teachers are awaiting feedback on students with ICT/and or self-contained and their placement in regular classes. We hope to meet the needs of all students.

**14.** We are appreciative of the open dialog between administration and the building reps and hopeful for a productive year where we can best meet the needs of students and staff.

## **VIII.**

### **New Business**

**1.** A motion was made by Alison Katulka and seconded by Karen Bloom to donate to the AFT Disaster Relief Fund. It was passed unanimously.

**2.** A motion was made by Beth Prostick and seconded by Elleen Parks to make a donation to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The motion passed unanimously..

At 5:10pm, a motion was made by Alison Katulka to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Elleen Parks.

### **In Attendance:**

West: Cheryleann Fontenot, June Schecter

Lindell: Susan Simons, Heather Puckhaber, Lisa Rundo

East: , Jeanne Richards, Jennifer Maggio

Lido: Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti, Marilyn Pilo

Pre-K: Elizabeth Fichtelman

LBMS: Jennifer Garrett, Camila Gamboa, Alison Katulka, Stacey Rice, Jason Zizza

LBHS: Anthony Balsamo, Jonathan Bloom, Chris Brown, Neil Campbell, Elena Frishman, Jay Spitz

Retiree: Frank Volpe

Officers: Keith Harvey, Karen Bloom, Beth Prostick, Amy Powers, Jim Fiola, Elleen Parks, Patricia Van Loon

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.