



Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

September 24, 2018

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 to everyone that contributed to a strong opening of school this year. Your level of professionalism, care and dedication for our students has been recognized by everyone in the educational community. The Association and its members look forward to working with Dr. Gallagher and Central Administration to meet many of the goals and initiatives this year and moving forward.



B. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel on her passing. Ms. Kimmel was a Middle School teacher and the former Director of the Long Beach Teacher Center. She was responsible for establishing many of the partnerships that allows our Teacher Center to offer such a robust selection of courses. She was an amazing leader and mentor, and will be greatly missed.

C. Congratulations to Long Beach Wrestling coach Paul Gillespie for being inducted into the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place on September 26, at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

D. Cancer Screening-Update

Employees of the District may be excused from their duties for a sufficient period of time, not to exceed four hours on an annual basis (July 1-June 30). Please be sure to follow District procedures for notification of your absence so that appropriate coverage may be secured. Upon return from your screening leave, you must complete the Cancer Screening Verification form available on www.lbeach.org. The original must then be submitted to the Office of Human Resources. ***Effective March 18, 2018 New York Civil Service Law Section 159-b was amended to include screening for cancers of ANY kind.*** Here is the [link](#) to the form.

E. NYSUT Pocket Calendars

The calendars have arrived. If you would like a 2018-19 NYSUT pocket calendar please contact your Senior Building rep.

Keith Harvey

President

Karen Bloom

Executive Vice-President

Amy Leder

Vice-President for Secondary Schools

Beth Prostick

Vice-President for

Elementary Schools

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F. 2018-19 Executive Board Dates

9/24/18	1/28/19	4/29/19
10/22/18	2/11/19	5/13/19
11/26/18	3/11/19	6/10/19
12/10/18	3/25/19	
1/14/19	4/8/19	

G. NYSUT Leadership Training

NYSUT will be holding workshops and conferences throughout the 2018-19 school year. Their new “core curriculum” approach recognizes the changing role of the building rep and will equip building reps with the basic skills they need to do this work effectively. With the exception of Frontline 1 and 2 which they recommend be taken sequentially, these workshops do not have to be taken in any particular order. The workshop and conference calendar and descriptions were distributed at the meeting. If you would like another copy please contact Keith Harvey.

2018

- * September 25 – FRONTLINE 1 (BR)
- * September 27 – (NEW) Beware! Misuse of Social Media Can Kill Your Career (ALL)
- * October 2 – THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS (GC, BR, EB, O)
- * October 11 – (4:00-7:00 PM) Managing Local Union Finances (T, O, EB)
- * October 17 – Presidents’ Roundtable (Local Presidents)
- * October 18 – FRONTLINE 2 (BR)
- * October 23 – THE BUILDING REP AS ORGANIZER (BR)
- * Date TBD – ERS Workshop (ALL SRPs except teaching assistants)
- * October 27 – Fall Leadership Conference (Huntington Hilton) (ALL)
- * November 7 – Bridging the Generation Gap in Your Local (O, EB, BR, IOC)
- * November 13 – THE MECHANICS OF NEGOTIATIONS (O, NT, BR)
- * Date TBD – Teachers’ Retirement System Workshop (All teachers & teaching asst.)
- * December 1 – Early Career Member Conference (Huntington Hilton)
- * December 4 – Teacher Negotiations (O, NT)
- * December 12 – (NEW) Using NYSUT’s School District Budget Analysis to Strengthen Your Hand in Bargaining (O, EB, NT)

2019

- * Date TBD – (NEW) Managing Student Debt
- * Date TBD – Winning School Board Elections & Budget Votes (PAC, EB, O, BR)
- * Date TBD – Workplace Health & Safety (BR, H&S, EB)
- * Date TBD – LEGAL ISSUES (BR, EB, O)
- * Date TBD – Presidents’ Roundtable (Local presidents)
- * Date TBD – Civil Service (O, EB of SRP locals/chapters)
- * Date TBD – Tenure (ALL teachers and teaching assistants)

H. Coach Pay Dates

Fall (both middle and high): 9/28 and 10/26

Middle School Winter I: 12/17 and 1/18

High School Winter: 12/21 and 2/15

Middle School Winter II: 2/15 and 3/15

High School Spring: 4/12 and 5/23

Middle School Spring: 4/26 and 6/7

I. Study Money 2018-19

Fall- Sept 28, 2018 Winter- Dec 7, 2018 Summer- May 10, 2019

Applications to participate in the fall Study Money program should be received by the HR department by September 28. 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 2018 reimbursement rate is 54.5 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 website. [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 54.5 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 \$25.46 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 link of the Payroll Codes.

<http://www.lbcta.com/helpful-links.html>

N. Eyeglass Reimbursement

We are in year one of a new two year cycle for eyeglasses/contacts purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. 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.

O. Union-Endorsed Benefits Designed for NYSUT Members

Whether it's our endorsed homeowners or auto plans, life or disability insurance, financial or legal service plans, or any of our travel, entertainment or shopping offerings, NYSUT members have the Power of the Union behind them when participating in NUYSUT Members Benefits-endorsed programs. Please see [Appendix A](#).

II. Committees

A. Grievance Committee—Karen Bloom

1. There are no grievances to report at this time.
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

As a result of the Special Membership meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 the team is meeting to take into consideration the information provided by the membership. Once we

have a final decision, we will bring it to the Executive Board and then the general membership for your approval.

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 or Alison Katulka at akatulka@lbeach.org. Please note that the **official Fall New Member/Mentor party** will be on Friday, Nov. 2nd at the 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. In the next few days I will send a test email out through the PAC email. If you do not get it through your personal email please send me an email at LBCTAPAC@gmail.com so I can add you.

2. With the NYSUT MAC App, you can use your smartphone to quickly and easily take action on important issues and legislation. Follow the links below to get started.

[Get the iPhone/iPod Touch app](#)

[Get the Android app](#)

The app does all the work for you. It takes your zip code and quickly determines your legislators so you can start taking action right away. You can:

Make a free call to legislators.

Fax your legislators a letter with one click.

Get push notifications for alerts on the latest actions.

Have some fun, too: take more action to get your name on the Leaderboard.

3. We will have our first PAC meeting on October 18 at 4:15 in Lido room L25.

E. Public Relations—Amy Leder

1. **The Walk-** Please join us on Sunday, October 21, at Jones Beach, for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Please contact Amy Leder if you plan to attend.

2. **Wear Pink-** Our annual, "Wear Pink Day" will be on Friday, October 12. Please join us by wearing pink or your new shirt. This would be a great day to fundraise together as a school should you choose.

3. **TEAM 11561 Shirts-** If you would like to order a shirt please email Amy Leder with your size and school building.

4. **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.

5. We will have our first PAC meeting on Thursday, October 18th at 3:30 pm at Lido School in room L25. Our first PR meeting will be followed by PAC at 4:15 pm also in room L25. We look forward to seeing new faces there.

F. Teacher Center

1. The Long Beach Teacher Center grant has arrived. We will be contacting instructors and will begin to run classes by the end of October.

2. It is with great sadness that I want to inform members of the district that Sharon Kimmel, the former director of the LBTC passed away in early September due to cancer. Sharon was a great advocate of PD and in the mission of the teacher center. She will be missed.

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. **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. In addition, you should have received something stating who your evaluators will be for this school year. If you have not, please contact your immediate supervisor and let them know.
 4. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.
- C. **Health & Safety Committee**
1. I will be serving as the associations' representative again this year. The first meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 4:00 pm in the Admin building.
 2. We are having major mold and moisture issues throughout the district. The high school seems to be the worst, which Mr. DeVito says could be attributed to our HVAC system, in certain areas. We hope that the district will look into these problems as soon as possible, as we have had many people reporting issues surrounding the mold in their classrooms. Unfortunately, the areas that are affected by the leaky roof will not be addressed until next summer, as the plans have yet to be approved by SED, due to a late submission of paper work by Honeywell.
 3. We also requested that air and surface sampling be completed in the areas affected, as certain mold types are more dangerous than others. In addition, if we are seeing all of this growth on the surface of ceiling tiles, it is very possible that there is more going on in the areas that we cannot see.
 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.
- 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 October 25th at 4:00 pm in the Admin building.
 2. We are waiting for phones to be installed in the high school classrooms that have no way to communicate with the main office. This is a major safety issue that we brought to the attention of the Health & Safety committee last year. Mr. DeVito stated that this work should be completed in the next few weeks. However, if you are in a classroom like this and would like a walkie talkie until the issue is resolved, please let Mr. Myers know ASAP. As per Mr. DeVito, they will supply them to anyone who requests one. Please let me know if you are having difficulty obtaining one.
 3. The district is in the process of doing walk-throughs with the police in each of our buildings in order to discuss safety and where we stand. Each building has a different model for entry, but the district seems to be moving towards a single point of entry in all buildings. We hope that the safety of everyone is taken into consideration when making these decisions. Many of our buildings have key fobs that were put in to allow teachers to enter quickly and

safely. We hope that the district will consider this when making the final decisions in this matter.

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

5. If you have any Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at kbloom@lbeach.org.

E. Other

1. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel on her passing.

2. Please join us for the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk on October 21st.

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

4. Please consider donating days to our District Sick Bank. The form is on our website at www.lbcta.com.

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

A. Welcome back! I 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.

B. Please consider walking with us for the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk on October 21. If you cannot walk, please consider making a donation. You can also purchase a shirt for \$25. 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 29, at 3:45 in Lido room L25.

D. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel.

E. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at bprostick@lbeach.org

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

A. Last March Mr. Myers asked to meet with the building committee to share some of the new safety measures he would like to put in place. One of the items brought up was the single point of entry. While no one disputed the need to do this, we suggested that he take time to properly put a plan in place that would allow this to be implemented in the safest way. For example, it was suggested that instead of denying faculty members access to towers with a key fob, maybe they consider putting a security guard at the tower doors until 7:50 and then close the fob? The morning traffic flow continues to have many concerns. As it is, it's difficult to walk around the building with the lack of crosswalks for teachers, potholes in the parking lot, and cars everywhere. We are not disputing that a single point of entry should happen. We are simply asking for a plan to be properly put in place that allows faculty to feel valued and that their safety concerns are also being considered. We are simply asking to just hit the pause button and to think through the process a little longer so that the faculty is given a clear, precise, and safe plan.

B. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel on her passing. She will be missed.

C. Welcome to our new MS Building Reps Lauren Behan and Sean Miller (alt)

D. Our first Secondary Meeting will be on Thursday, October 4th at 3:20 pm in HS Guidance. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Please let me know if you 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 21st for the Making Strides Walk. I would encourage you to attend a few School Board meetings during the year. Your presence is always noted.

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

- B. I would like to send my condolences to the family and many friends of Sharon Kimmel. Her passing is a tremendous loss for the members of the Long Beach educational community. Sharon was the longtime director of the Long Beach Teacher Center. I was a member of the policy board for several years and Sharon had a big role in my professional growth here in Long Beach. I will remember her not only for her guidance, but for the wonderful person that she was.
- C. Union dues for 2018/2019 for full-time members will be \$1,014.36. As you can see there was no increase over last year. The break-out is \$397 local, \$378 NYSUT, \$231.36 AFT dues and \$8 PTA. \$101.44 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.

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

D. June Financial Results

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT	\$14,933	Union dues	\$40,653
AFT	9,038	Vending Machine	211
Officer and Rep Stipends	23,364		_____
Taxes and Insurance	6,283	Total	\$40,864
Public Relations	546		
Retiree Dues (Council)	381		
Meeting Expenses	223		
Training	746		
Scholarships	3,000		
Total	_____		
	\$58,514		

July and August Financial Results

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT Adjs.	\$881		
Taxes and Insurance	278		
Phone	61		
Meeting Expenses	4		
Training	1722	Total	_____
Making Strides Shirts	1,430		0
Total	_____		
	\$4,376		

VII. Building Reports

A. West School

1. Welcome to Amy Dirolf and Sarah Kugleman and thank them for a smooth beginning to the new school year.
2. Thank you to John Mule and Crew for getting the building ready and in tip top shape. All your work is greatly appreciated.
3. Welcome to Jennifer Ragona as our new Special Education Permanent Sub.
4. Congratulations to Sarah Enright on her recent marriage.
5. Congratulations to Lorraine Radice as our new Director of Elementary Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.
6. Get well wishes to Edenia Aristy on a speedy recovery.
7. Wishing a quick recovery to Maria Kavarthas our food service provider at West.
8. Thank you to our PTA for our West School Wonders of West night. This informal get together was a nice way for new families to come and mingle.
9. We send our deep condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel on her passing. Sharon was a teacher at West and the Director of the Teacher Center for many years.
10. Please consider walking for the Making Strides on October 21st. If you cannot walk please consider making a donation.
11. Making Strides t-shirts are now on sale. Wear your GO PINK! 11561 shirt Friday, October 12th. Contact Amy Leder for shirts.
12. Please consider donating a sick day to our sick bank.

B. Lindell School

1. Welcome back, one and all.
2. Welcome to our new teaching staff: Christina Causi, Erin Hutton, Philip Cabasino, RoseAnn Malizia, and Brittany Gervase.
3. Congratulations Stacie Kaufer on her marriage to Tim Seaman.
4. Congratulations to Philip Cabasino on his marriage to Ailynn Brady.
5. Congratulations to Natasha Drost and Seth Weinman on the birth of their son, Jack Willem Weinman.
6. Congratulations to Iris Resnick on the birth of her grandson, Chase Michael.
7. Welcome to the new Elementary Curriculum Director, Dr. Lorraine Radice.
8. Thank you to our custodial staff for having the school ready for the fall. The place looks beautiful.
9. Congratulations to Adrian Gioulis on her new position as the district's elementary mindfulness teacher.
10. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel, former Long Beach Teacher Center Director.
11. Please consider donating a sick day to the sick bank.
12. Please join us on the Annual Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk on October 21st. Contact Amy Leder if you plan on walking and/or donating \$25.00 for a T-shirt.

C. East School

1. Welcome back to another school year. We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer.
2. Welcome to our new staff members, Kristen Basso and Gina Cody.
3. Thank you to the custodians for having the building ready for the staff and students.
4. The Back to School Picnic was a great success. The students and parents enjoyed the evening.

5. Congratulations to Dr. Radice on her appointment as the Director of Elementary Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. We look forward to working together with her.
6. Most of the buses have been arriving on time and dismissal has been timely.
7. Extremely high temperatures the first two weeks of school made it very difficult for students to learn and teachers to function.
8. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel, former Long Beach Teacher Center Director.
9. Please support the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk by purchasing a t-shirt from Amy Leder, making a donation, or walking on October 21st at Jones Beach.
10. Please consider donating a sick day to LBCTA sick bank, if you haven't done so already.

D. Lido School

1. Thank you to the entire custodial staff for getting our schools ready for the year.
2. Welcome to the new Lido Complex Head Custodian, Fawwas Persaud.
3. Welcome to Dr. Lorraine Radice, our new Director of Elementary Curriculum.
4. We appreciate the efforts made by Brenda Young, Sharon Weiss, and Mike DeVito on improving the dismissal of all students in a timely manner.
5. Congratulations to Faith Moskowitz on the birth of her first grandchild, Harrison!
6. Congratulations to Andrew Frey on his marriage!
7. Congratulations to Michelle Root on her marriage!
8. Congratulations to Alexandra Nelson on her marriage!
9. Congratulations to Stacie Kaufer on her marriage!
10. Welcome back Mandy Kovel.
11. Welcome our new Lido teachers: Anthony LaPenna, Lauren Andersen, Lorraine Rilling, and Ashley Schecher.
12. Thank you Lido PTA for a successful Welcome Back Celebration. Fun was had by all!
13. Condolences to Tara Moran on the loss of her brother.
14. Condolences to Christine Toppi on the loss of her brother-in-law.
15. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel.
16. Please consider participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk taking place on Sunday, October 21st at Jones Beach State Park.
17. Please email Amy Leder to purchase a breast cancer awareness shirt.
18. Wear pink on Friday, October 12th to show support for the fight against cancer.
19. Please consider donating a day to the sick bank.

E. Pre-K

1. Welcome back. We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer.
2. Thank you to our custodians for their hard work this summer. Our rooms looked great. Congratulations to our new head custodian, Fawwas Persaud.
3. Congratulations to Alexandra Nelson on her marriage this summer.
4. Thank you to our PTA for a wonderful Welcome to School Picnic.
5. Welcome to Dr. Lorraine Radice, our new Director of Elementary Curriculum. We look forward to a close working relationship.
6. Condolences to the family of Sharon Kimmel. She was an important part of the Long Beach School System.

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:
Lorie Beard (Vice Principal), Maria Saracini (Psychologist), Lauren Moriarty (Special Education), Krystal Cardenas (Special Education), and Jennifer Healey (Reading)

Leave Replacements: Ashley Castanio (Math), Kaysi Ward (Math), and Christina Kile (English)

Head Custodian: Fawwas Persaud

All new Teaching Assistants.

We look forward to working with each of you.

3. As per ARTICLE VIII, section 4, parts A and B of the Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association Constitution and By-Laws, I am appointing Lauren Behan as a Building Representative for the 2018-2019 school year to fill a Building Representative vacancy in the Middle School. Additionally, I am appointing Sean Miller as an Alternate Representative.
4. Thank you to everyone for a successful Back to School Night. We appreciate the support we received from Mr. Romanelli, Mr. Biesma, and Mrs. Beard.
5. Thank you to our librarians, Mrs. Van Loon and Ms. Ferrante, for successful 6th grade Library Orientations.
6. Welcome back to Tara Gubelli.
7. Congratulations to Jasmine Salazar on the birth of her son, Adam Francisco Salazar.
8. Congratulations to Kate Coners on the birth of her son, Bryce Christopher Quan Coners.
9. Congratulations to Alyssa Schramm on the birth of her son, Matthew Christopher Schramm Jr.
10. Congratulations to Lauren Diesu on her recent engagement to Michael Calabrese.
11. Get well wishes to Phyllis Flaum. We wish her a speedy recovery!
12. Condolences to the family and friends of Sharon Kimmel.
13. Team LBCTA 11561 is back! The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk will take place on October 21, 2018 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 or purchase a shirt please visit: [Making Strides Against Breast Cancer](#) or contact Amy Leader at aleder@lbeach.org. Remember to wear pink or your LBCTA 11561 shirt on Friday, October 12th to show your support.
14. We encourage all staff to continue to donate to our sick bank.
15. Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

G. High School

1. We wish a warm welcome to our new High School Faculty Members: Frank Lettieri, Eva Mastantuono, Stephanie Mena, Geoffrey Noss, Kristina Ryan, Elizabeth Walsh-Bulger, Heather Yaeger.
2. Congratulations to Connor Manning on the birth of his son.
3. Congratulations to Robyn Tornabene on receiving her doctorate.
4. Condolences to Michael Corrigan on the loss of his father in law.
5. Condolences to Christine Bulik on the loss of her grandmother.
6. Condolences to the family of former Teacher Center Director Sharon Kimmel on her passing.
7. Thank you to the Custodial Department for doing a wonderful job of getting the building ready for school.
8. Thank you to the technology department for having all of the technology installed and ready to go for the first day of school.
9. Thank you to Mr. Myers for agreeing to keep the teachers cafeteria open during 8th and 9th period for teachers.
10. Kudos to Marino Bragino and Justin Marks and their music students for their participation in the Suicide Prevention Walk.

11. Several areas of the building (Rooms 307, 308, 332, 334, The Chemistry Prep Rooms, The Business Office, 268B, The Metal Shop and Stairwell 5) had mold growing in them when we arrived at school this year. We are hopeful that the district will conduct tests to ensure that it is not a danger to the health of students and staff. We are hopeful to explore the issue of climate control of the HS throughout the summer to prevent this from reoccurring.
12. As has been the case in previous school years, several classrooms reported high temperatures during the first weeks of school. While we have been assured that parts have been ordered and repairs will be made, this has proven to be problematic for teachers and students. Some teachers have complained of health concerns related to the heat.
13. While we are supportive of making the HS more secure and recognize the need to move towards a single point of entry, the decision to do so at this time without a plan for teachers to access the entrance safely needs to be reconsidered. Some teachers have complained about having to navigate dangerous oncoming traffic, delivery trucks, and challenging terrain in order to enter the building. Perhaps a compromise solution can be developed until the building is properly prepared for a true single point of entry.
14. Please considering donating a sick day to the LBCTA Sick Day Bank
15. Please donate to the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk that will be held at Jones Beach on October 21st. Please contact Amy Leder if you are interested in buying a T-Shirt to wear on our wear pink day on Oct 12th.
16. Please consider volunteering to serve on a district committee. The first curriculum committee meeting is on Tuesday, October 2nd. If you are interested in serving on a committee email Pat Carlucci.

VIII. New Business

1. A motion was made by Karen Bloom and seconded by Patricia Van Loon to place an ad in the booklet for the Latino Civic Association Gala. The motion 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 5:15pm, a motion was made by Elleen Parks to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lisa Rundo.

In Attendance:

West: Cheryleann Fontenot, June Schechter

Lindell: Heather Puckhaber, Lisa Rundo

East: ,Jeanne Richards, Jennifer Maggio

Lido: Dana Monti, Dorothy Lopez, Marilyn Pilo

Pre-K: Elizabeth Fichtelman

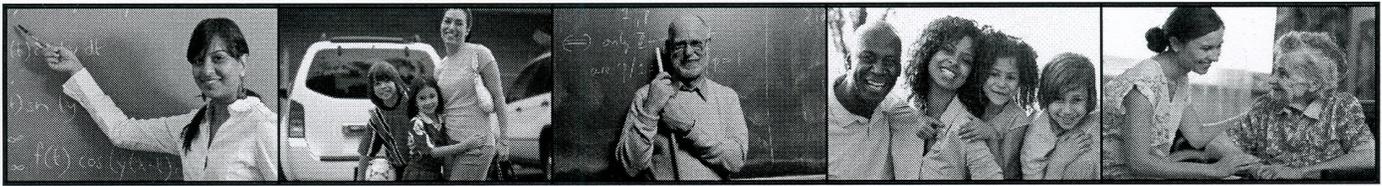
LBMS: Jennifer Garrett, Lauren Behan, Camila Gamboa, Alison Katulka, Stacey Rice

LBHS: Jonathan Bloom, Neil Campbell, Eric Heck, Jay Spitz

Retiree: Frank Volpe

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

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



Union-endorsed benefits designed for NYSUT members

Whether it's our endorsed homeowners or auto insurance plans, life or disability insurance, financial or legal service plans, or any of our travel, entertainment or shopping offerings, NYSUT members have the **Power of the Union** behind them when participating in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

There's no need to go it alone when Member Benefits has your back! Member Benefits acts as your advocate for any program you participate in, and we'll do our best to quickly resolve any issues or concerns you may have.

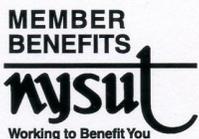
The following is just a sampling of the dozens of endorsed programs & services available to NYSUT members and their loved ones:

- Auto, Home & Life Insurance
- Vision & Dental Plans
- Legal & Financial Services
- Hotel & Vacation Discounts
- Member Shopping Program
- Car & Truck Rental Discounts
- Competitive Savings Rates
- Retail Store Discounts
- Sports & Concert Tickets
- Theme Park Discounts
- Car Buying Service
- Heating Oil & Propane Savings

We encourage you to take the time to explore the Member Benefits website and find out all we have to offer NYSUT members.

The Power of the Union

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs
& services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.