



March 24, 2017  
UTS meeting minutes



**Present:**

Annemarie Motisi	Maura Coghlan	Dianne Dunn	Margaret Glancy	James Polin
John Berry	Michael Burns	Jen Wessman	Lisa Gagliano	Keri Degnan
Curtis Tripoli	Ed Kent	Laura Maciag	Maureen Sabella	Dan Hayden
Linda Kanarek	Charlotte Loake	Maureen Tobin		Sue Bennett

**Absent:**

Meghan O'Connell

- Laura Made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting, All in favor
- \$800 spent on public relations as voted on last meeting
- Laura Made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, All in favor
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- Dianne Dunn is the new Recording secretary.
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- Annemarie Motisi is the new Manor representative.
- John Berry is the new Lead rep at the Manor
- Personnel Issues-Privacy for members: It is not for us to discuss these matters with other members regarding any other member.
- Dan made a motion to accept the nomination of James Scortos for the Appointment of HS Trust Fund Rep. All in favor
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- UTS Scholarships: Start discussing the way students are chosen and get names for Margaret by end of May.
- Retirement Delegate: Election needed to elect Retirement delegate and alternate for Seaford UFSD by the end of June. Administrators are allowed to run as well, it is a district position with a stipend, not a UTS position.

- Retirement Advice-we are not to give advice. Go to NYSTRS website and call to speak with NYSTRS representative. Need ID # which can be found by logging on/registering at <https://www.nystrs.org>.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Snow make up day: We cannot advise people as to how to deal with planning. Read contract to member regarding taking sick and personal days. Scott Bursin will be speaking with Brian Conboy to discuss possible change.
- Financial Advisors in District: Margaret and Dan met with NEA advisor, would like to come in and do a retirement readiness assessment with members. By appointment. Free of charge. No obligation to purchase services. Another rep from Lincoln Financial would like to come in to speak about 403b pros and cons. After school meeting. Margaret will invite rep to exec board meeting 1<sup>st</sup> before allowing him to speak with members.
- Chair people –Duties and Responsibilities: Curtis met with admin to discuss the list of duties. Deleting sub plan overview from list. Deleting overseeing academic intervention from list. Participating changed to input in scheduling as part of the duties. Scheduling used to part of responsibilities and now it is not. 2 retirees who are chairpersons are retiring, only one position is posted. Business department small, will they have a chairperson?
- Phones for Teacher use-privacy: buildings faculty privacy for phone usage. Harbor checking, Middle not private, High school private , Manor private.
- Technology dept not keeping members updated. How to make outside calls, email issues, Fred’s icon not appropriate.
- Email minutes to Curtis, only 1 photo from members, Reminder being sent to PR reps to send info. UTS apparel is in. Grant to earn a free shirt for running back and forth to screen printer.
- Building concerns:
  - High school: 4 day (may and November) conference to attend how do they go about asking for time. Must be approved to attend. If it is school related it may be approved.
  - High school: Started AP capstone (17-18) training is paying for 1 week training over summer including room and board. Other districts pay salary as well because it is ‘required’ to teach course.
  - Manor: teachers brought in about testing regarding appr
  - Manor: book-john and Maura to meet with them.

- Manor: excessive coverages from teachers who work 8-3 with extra preps.
- Chairpersons case: NYSTRS contacted about settlement about FAS for pension. Letters rec'd –one stated it was calculated in, next letter stated it was not after settlement papers were reviewed. Margaret in contact to have final decision made and why letters were sent out.
- Ed Kent-Political Action Committee PAC
- Postcards: Send out postcards to vote for budget.-Same as last year but will add BOE nominee if decided over email vote or send separate mailing.
- BOE position up. Ed has a person to run for BOE (teacher and parent). Would like to support her. Bring her into exec board meeting, then have her speak to parents at Harbor and other PTA's where she is not known. Meet and greet is essential as we are going into negotiations. Meet on April 3 or 5 at 3:45.
- Senator Brooks, Cominsky, in Albany: \$400 mil more to charter schools coming from public schools.
- UTS app: database for issues/questions for members only Groupahead.com, actionnetwork.com, email all, and it tracks
- Constitutional Convention VOTE NO buttons. Vote in nov.
- Ed made a motion to purchase buttons for \$.50 each for each member.
  - Discussion-hand out closer to vote
  - Laura mentioned video shown from Smithtown on the convention, need to amp up talks to get everyone to vote NO.
  - All in favor.
- 20% back from NYSUT on Vote Cope. President can request 20% more for PAC actions.
- Letter sent out by Sup't angered parents.
- UTS can send out letter via social media to tell parents to choose what to do with opting out.
- Christine Pelligrino (opt out parent) NYSUT endorsing. Running for District 89
- NYSUT elections: discussed the battle for Board seats of NYSUT.

Retirement Party: June 13<sup>th</sup> tentative date

Woodbury Country Club: must guarantee 100 people

End of year party

PR: plant night in Suffolk county?

Laura makes motion to adjourn

All in favor