



**Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester
November 13, 2012**

Policy Board Minutes

Charles Fritz called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present:

Lori D'Andrea, Susan Farrell, Anita Ferreri, Charles Fritz, Theresa Gallucci, Nina Geller, Michelle Yang-Kaczarek, Charlene Kyle, Jean O'Brien, Shqype Rraci, Barbara C. Scaros

New Business

Charles Fritz introduced Charlene Kyle from Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers who was invited to speak to the Policy Board about her mentoring program and how teachers and districts could help identify high school students interested in a career in education.

• Parent Meeting on RttT Initiatives

Barbara Scaros informed the Policy Board that the Edith Winthrop Teacher Center, in collaboration with the Greenburgh Central School District No.7, is offering a Parent Workshop to discuss the Race to the Top Initiatives and how they can help their children best meet the challenges ahead. The meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 7:00pm and will be held at RJ Bailey School. All Policy Board members are welcome to attend and should follow up with the Teacher Center if their district and parents would like a similar presentation.

• Celebration of Teaching and Learning

As of today, Barbara said that there was no information yet on Celebration of Teaching and Learning but that as soon as it becomes available she would let the Policy Board know. She also said that because of budget cuts funding for this event would be limited, however we will save some spots for our Policy Board representatives.

• Professional Development Grant

Barbara shared with the Board members the feedback she received from the union presidents from around the consortium, The union presidents felt that, with the proliferation of educational foundations, teachers had other avenues to tap into for classroom grants and suggested that we instead use the union monies to provide funding for local professional development workshops and conferences. The members agreed and all were asked to research workshops and conferences that the Teacher Center could advertise on their website and in their monthly newsletter, also Webinars will be considered. At the next meeting, representatives would share their findings and the board would discuss how the monies would be allocated and if there would be a cap placed on

the amount. There also needs to be additional discussion on whether districts would approve release time and perhaps pay for corresponding travel costs as needed.

- **Edith Winthrop Website**

Barbara shared with the Policy Board members that the Edith Winthrop Teacher Center will be updating their website. Jean O'Brien, a Board member is working with the office on a new Google website. She had Jean navigate the site so that the board members could take a look at it and add suggestions. We are hoping to have it up and running by the end of the year.

- **Constitution By-Laws**

Susan Farrell had informed the members that the Constitution By-Laws needed to be updated. She was going to share them with the members so that can make the appropriate changes to these By-Laws. Once they are updated they will be distributed to the Policy Board.

Our next meeting will be on December 11, 2012 at Greenburgh CSD No.7 – Board Room

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Gallucci.