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Minutes-February Meeting of A.M.A.P.S.
February 14th, 2008
At Elementi's of Brooklyn

The following topics were discussed:

- Erin Glasser, the Regional Manager from Holt, Rinehart, and Winston thanked us for allowing their firm to host this event. She gave a brief overview of the services her firm can provide us and then introduced Heather Trotter to speak about the new geometry book. Heather gave an overview of all the applications that the geometry package can offer. Besides the book, the package includes tutorial services on a CD. The book is aligned with the curriculum of the new course and ensures that every major topic on the Regents exam is covered. Each chapter is aligned to the performance indicators of the course and has sections for assessments, problem solving skills and review. The package is available on-line for review and tutorials.
- Jessica Stephenson from Moody's Mega Math Challenge spoke about the contests that are available for high school students. Teams of three to five students will have the opportunity to solve an applied mathematical problem on the weekend of March 8th and 9th. Applications should be done on-line and a total of 11 scholarships are available.
- Stevan Peters from Touro College gave an overview of two seminars the school is having regarding ELL students. The first is on how school leaders can create an environment of excellence for ELL students. The second was on pedagogical strategies for disciplinary literacy development. A handout explaining the seminars was handed out to the members.
- Kieran McGuire spoke about the Principal Candidate Pool that is available for anyone interested in becoming a Principal. The Department of Education is creating a pool of potential candidates for Principal positions. Candidates will be evaluated based on an essay, interview and written observation of a taped lesson. Candidates should incorporate the five core competencies in their application process. The link to the Principal Candidate Pool is:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/DHR/CareerOpportunities/PrincipalOtherSupervisory/PrincipalCandidatePool.htm>
- James Kiernan, a professor at Brooklyn College, gave a presentation on the history of math. After an overview, he gave a handout on Mesopotamian Mazes that had three charts and a set of questions. He asked if anyone could determine what the charts were used for. After discussions and input from the members, it was determined that the first chart was the nine times table, the second was on reciprocals and the third was Pythagorean triples. He spoke about how scholars think the third chart possibly involved basic trigonometric ratios.
- Suzanne Libfeld from Lehman College spoke about the 17th annual New York Mathematics Project that will be held at her school on April 5th. The theme for this year is "Triathlon of

Knowledge: Mathematics, Science and Technology.” She also spoke about the nomination process for the NYSAMS Mathematics Hall of Fame and spoke of the requirements that are necessary to be nominated. For more information, e-mail Suzanne at SuzLi@aol.com

- Susan Sladowski gave an overview of the process that must be followed regarding the grading of the June 17th Integrated Algebra Regents. Each exam must be graded with a raw score by the next day. Schools are required to send the answer keys of each test to Albany through U.P.S. The packages must be postmarked by 5 P.M. Schools have to make a copy of the answer keys for safekeeping. The Regents will compile and analyze the scores throughout the state and then post a conversion chart on June 26th. Schools will then use the conversion chart to determine the final grades. The members shared their concerns and questions regarding the difficulty of this process and the lateness of when we will receive the conversion charts.
- After asking if there were any more questions, Susan called for an executive board meeting. She discussed and finalized the agenda and sponsors for the remaining meetings with the members who are in charge of them.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Johnson, Recording Secretary, February 25, 2008