



# ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, SUPERVISION OF NEW YORK CITY

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## AMAPS Meeting Minutes March 11, 2010 Harbor Inn, City Island - Bronx

The following Agenda Items were addressed:

- Announcements – *Sonia Buszwatiuk* opened the AMAPS meeting by thanking everyone for coming, thanking Key Curriculum Press for hosting this AMAPS meeting.
- Touro College Program and Study Buddy – Steve Peters presented the following two items:
  1. Touro College Program – A program at Touro College has been developed to earn a masters degree in mathematics education and a teaching certification.
  2. Study Buddy – Flyers have been distributed of the study buddy online math homework help and a 5-minute training video. The websites are listed in the flyer.
- The Macaulay Honors College at CCNY Summer School Program - Danny Jay presented the program and discussed the benefits to New York City students. The six week math and science program for highly motivated students allows them to earn college credits while still in high school. Flyers were distributed to AMAPS members.
- NYSAMS News – Susan Libfeld presented the following:
  1. NYSAMS 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hall of Fame nominations are now being accepted. A New York City math educator was honored last year from a nomination from an AMAPS member.
  2. The NYC Math Project's Annual Conference is being held on Saturday May 1, 2010 at Lehman College. Flyers were distributed.
  3. A program (3<sup>rd</sup> year in existence) for math educators employed in the Bronx was discussed and flyers were distributed.
- Pi day Activities – Sonia Buszwatiuk presented a flyer prepared by Carol Ying with several activities to be used in math classes to celebrate pi day on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were distributed.
- Presentation from Key Curriculum Press – Steven Reinhardt opened the meeting by introducing the sales representatives and other Key Curriculum Press staff, introducing their

curriculum materials, and thanking AMAPS members for their attendance at this meeting. A mathematics editor then presented their program, 'Critical Math' to the organization.

- Inquiry-based resources for today's classroom are available online.
  - The program works in conjunction with any mathematics textbook.
  - A Critical math repository is available to choose a math topic. Activities align to every published math textbook.
  - Teacher notes are available for every investigation with detailed instructions.
  - A video for each investigation is available. The video is of a classroom in which the teacher is modeling the investigation.
  - Win Possible – video tutorials that review basic concepts and interactive questions
- Member Concerns – Sonia Buszwatiuk and a variety of AMAPS members present discussed the following issues:
    - An EMS committee memo was distributed. Following are some of the recommendations proposed due to budget restraints:
      - Reduce the number of educational specialists in New York State.
      - Discontinue paper-based materials for scoring Regents exams.
      - Eliminate component Retesting in Math and ELA.
      - Discontinue translating Regents examinations to other languages (except Spanish).
      - Eliminate selected grade 8 state examinations.
      - Eliminate January and August high school Regents examinations.
      - Eliminate several subject area Regents examinations. The remaining high school Regents examinations proposed: 1 math, 1 science, and 1 ELA.
    - A response letter from the AMAPS organization to New York State has been drafted. The letter was read to the organization by Sonia Buszwatiuk.
    - An AMAPS member brought up the fact that summer school may be affected by budget cuts.
    - Suzanne Libfeld said that the state has had many conversations on this Regents issue. Comments are being accepted on a listserv on [www.AMTNYS.org](http://www.AMTNYS.org).
    - Responses are being taken regarding the national standards being proposed. See [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org).

Respectfully submitted: Rhonda L. Pekow March 12, 2010.