



ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, SUPERVISION OF NEW YORK CITY

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Minutes-October Meeting of A.M.A.P.S.

October 23rd, 2007

At Michael's Catering of Brooklyn

The following topics were discussed:

- President Susan Sladowski opened the meeting with a greeting to all the members and a thanks to the sponsor, Casio. Susan gave an overview of the meeting and stated that the members would have the opportunity to use Casio graphing calculators later. She also reiterated the purpose of our organization, which is the professional development of Assistant Principals of Mathematics.
- Our treasurer Allison Witty, reminded the members that the annual dues were \$20 for Assistant Principals, \$10 for retired members and \$10 for other DOE employees who would like to join.
- Corresponding Secretary Celia Foster reminded all members to RSVP by e-mail to ensure accurate numbers to our sponsors.
- Susan Sladowski told the members that on November 17th, all the Assistant Principals of Supervision Organizations are having a breakfast meeting with CSA and we were invited.
- The first Integrated Algebra Regents exam is scheduled for June 17th, 2008. Originally, the scaled scores were not going to be available until August or September. Albany is trying to develop a new scale that will be available by June 26th. However, all Integrated Algebra exams must be graded and mailed out by June 18th. This presents a logistics problem for the large high schools. Ron Schwarz was contacted regarding adding another day to the turn around time.
- Last spring, the executive board developed a survey for the members to list their greatest needs for professional development. Susan and Sharon Hoosak gave a power point presentation of the suggestions. The strategies focused on dealing with all the paper involved, using your computer as an organizational asset, scheduling time more efficiently, alternate ways of completing observations and sticking to specific times for meetings and office hours. A complete list of all the suggestions was handed out to the members at the end of the presentation.
- The team from Casio gave a power point presentation along with a handout to the members. The handout gave a comparison of the graphing calculators from Casio and Texas Instruments and all the applications that their models could do. They spoke about the history, philosophy and support available from their company. The capabilities of two of their models, the 9750 and 9860 were highlighted. Training and on-line courses that are available from Casio were discussed. Casio will come to schools to give training so teachers are familiar with their calculators' capabilities. Calculators were handed out to the tables so the members could test some applications. The team from Casio asked everyone to attempt a few problems from the handout and assisted each table.

- Susan ended the meeting by thanking Casio for their fine presentation and telling the members that she is working with the Department of Education to waive the late fee for the A.P. Calculus exam.
- The executive board met at the end of the meeting to finalize the sponsors and locations for the remaining meetings.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Johnson, Recording Secretary, October 24, 2007