



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

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## AMAPS Meeting Minutes October 8, 2009 Gargiulo's: Brooklyn, New York

The following Agenda Items included:

- Announcements – *John Wolfe* opened the AMAPS meeting by thanking everyone for coming, thanking Explore Learning for hosting this AMAPS meeting, and announcing changes within our organization. Susan Rohan is the new AMAPS Treasurer. She will be collecting dues today. Rhonda Pekow has been filling in for Jim Johnson whenever necessary. There are several new AMAPS members who introduced themselves. Maria Mamo-Vacacela is a new executive board member of AMAPS.
- Study Buddy - *S. Peters* announced that Study-Buddy will be free for students for one more year. Due to budgeting this could be the last year that it is of no charge for students. There are approximately 3,000 students and 500 tutors involved in the program. Go to [www.studymbuddyhelp.org](http://www.studymbuddyhelp.org) to see a demonstration of a tutoring session.
- Updated Contact form – *Celia Foster* announced that everyone should fill out the updated form with the DOE email so we can contact all of our members when necessary.
- NYSAMS Update S. Libfeld – *Suzanne Libfeld* spoke about two events from the New York State Association of mathematics Supervisors in October in Tarrytown NY. The Hall of Fame dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup> and the Leadership Summit on October 17<sup>th</sup>. She discussed the fact that Alfred Posamentier is one of the honorees and he was nominated by Danny Jaye, former AMAPS president. Representation from New York City AMAPS members is encouraged.
- Sponsor Presentation - *David Shuster* from Gizmo's introduced their product. He went through several examples of the interactive mathematics software. The first problem was a graphing problem with runner one and runner two. David changed the graph to demonstrate a variety of mathematical concepts to be used in an Algebra course with this problem. A Geometry example of the angle-sum formula was also demonstrated. The sponsor gave the history of explore learning.com and pricing per teacher as well as the site license.
- Update on Algebra II and Trigonometry – *L. Carlozzi, S. Buszwatiuk, S. Hoosak, J. Wolfe* – *Lorraine Carlozzi* told AMAPS members that she spent time in the summer writing questions for the new Algebra II/Trigonometry course. Lorraine said that in the past certain topics were geared towards 2 or 6 point questions. They were asked this summer to construct 2 point questions from involved concepts and 6 point questions from topics that seemed like a 2 point question. Also, over 3 years every content strand will be covered.

Sonia discussed the outcome of the first Geometry Regents last year. Five questions were given on the same strand. Will this happen again? Lorraine said she was aware of this issue and it was a mistake.

*Sharon Hoosak* discussed supporting teachers for this course. She suggested scheduling Math B teachers to teach the course because of overlapping topics. Sharon also discussed the fact that the DOE offered training on the course this past summer.

- *Elvin* announced the date of Jeanette Tomasullo-Morelli's retirement party is December 10, 2009. It will be held at the Historia Manor, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- Update from Tweed – R. Schwarz announced that the pacing calendars are on-line for the Algebra II/Trigonometry course. He also announced that a new Deputy Chancellor in charge of teaching and learning has replaced Marcia Lyles. This will generate more changes and we will be updated accordingly. There are national mathematics standards being proposed. A draft document has been released for comments. NCTM and NCSM were not present during the original proposal, but are now involved in the process. The funding is coming from the Gates Foundation. Meetings are currently being organized in New York State to discuss these standards. Ron then asked for comments in regards to the Geometry Regents given in June 2009. John Wolfe said there were not enough questions on proofs. Lastly, Ron announced that a professional development session will be held at Stuyvesant high school on November 3, 2009 on math teams in individual schools.

Respectfully submitted: Rhonda L. Pekow October 13, 2009.