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**Minutes**

**Executive Board**

**February 23, 2009**

**Members Present:** Shelley Jennings, Lara Heubusch, Anya Gan, Eva Ingram, and Kelly Paine.

**Guest:** Kris Martini, Arlington Career Center

President Shelley Jennings called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

President Jennings introduced guest speaker Kris Martini from the Arlington Career Center. Mr. Martini made a presentation on the proposed STEM program. Mr. Martini stated all current Career Center programs will remain and students will have dual enrollment at the Career Center and NOVA Community College as courses will be accredited. Executive Board members asked questions and discussion ensued. Motion by Anya Gan, second by Eva Ingram that all information on the STEM Program be made available to all Career Center staff, feeder schools and the community in a timely manner. Motion passed.

Motion by Lara Heubusch, second by Eva Ingram to support the requirements currently mandated for Career Center teachers as mandated by the State. Motion passed.

Motion by Louise Fishbein, second by Anya Gan to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Anya Gan, second by Lara Heubusch to approve the January minutes as written. Motion carried.

President Jennings informed board members that John Tarpey, Jamestown, will serve on the board as Elementary Rep.

President Jennings reported the dates of the upcoming school board budget work sessions. Ms. Jennings indicated a focus should be on student's mental health. There are three full time mental health counselors in APS. APS needs to provide training for staff to recognize issues. Staff members should not be required to determine problems and they should call in professionals.

President Jennings reported NEA will be taking approximately 300 students from Drew and Hoffman Boston to the Library of Congress on March 2, to kickoff the NEA "Read Across America Campaign". The Sun Gazette staff writer will be invited to attend.

President Jennings declared the AEA Gently Used Book Drive was a huge success.

President Jennings stated there were five applications for ESP Scholarship Funds. Motion by Lara Huebusch, second by Shelley Jennings to grant each applicant an ESP Scholarship up to \$600 maximum. Motion passed.

Motion by Lara Heubusch, second by Shelley Jennings to approve funding for meal, registration and hotel room for Anya Gan and Eva Ingram to attend the NEA Women's and Minorities Conference prior to the NEA Convention. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.