

## Special meeting of the executive board

A special meeting of the executive board was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to reexamine the roles and responsibilities of the building representatives of the Lynn Teachers Union. The executive board recognizes the value of solidarity and collective action particularly in these times of turbulence and views the building representative as an integral component of our union.

The building representatives of the Lynn Teachers Union are:

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| Aborn School                              | Ann Wilson               |
| Breed Middle School                       | Sara Kuzmin              |
| Brickett School                           | Diana Luciano            |
| Callahan School                           | Denise Hurley            |
| Cobbet School                             | Lisa Jaime               |
| Connery School                            | Cheryl Eddy              |
| Drewicz School                            | Maureen Kelter           |
| Fecteau-Leary School                      | Erin Doherty             |
| Ford School                               | Jennifer McCarthy        |
| Harrington School                         | Geoffrey King            |
| Hood School                               | Laurie DeMore            |
| Ingalls School                            | Moira Hussey             |
| Lincoln-Thomson School                    | Rosemarie Thistle        |
| Lynn Vocational Technical Institute       | Mason Heuston            |
| Lynn Vocational Technical Institute Annex | Steven Lopez             |
| Lynn Classical High School                | Bryan Hellwig            |
| Lynn English High School                  | Joan O'Connor            |
| Lynn Woods School                         | Patricia LaBranche       |
| Pickering Middle School                   | Katherine Coman          |
| Sewell-Anderson School                    | Maryalice Sutherland     |
| Shoemaker School                          | Laura Titus              |
| Sisson School                             | Mary McGovern            |
| Therapists                                | Marie Cawlina-Kasle      |
| Thurgood Marshall Middle School           | Maureen Gemellaro-Walker |
| Tracy School                              | Patricia Burke           |
| Washington Day School                     | Susan Burke              |

## Therapists' negotiations

The therapists' negotiating team is meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> to finalize a contract proposal. Therapists, therapist assistants and social workers are encouraged to contact the union office with any recommendations.

## Paraprofessionals' negotiations

The paraprofessionals' negotiating team met with the negotiating subcommittee of the Lynn School Committee on January 18, 2012. The negotiating sub-committee for the Lynn School Committee consists of Donna Coppola, Patricia Capano, and Charlie Gallo. Ground rules for negotiations were established and the union presented a contract proposal to the committee.

Negotiations are scheduled to continue on February 7th and February 13th.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Seniority under attack

An outside group funded by big corporate donors is attacking the rights of Massachusetts' teachers *including teachers here in Lynn*. If voters pass the ballot initiative backed by **Stand for Children**, teachers will lose their seniority rights. That means that seniority will no longer be a determining factor in teacher layoffs and that if your school closes, you won't have a right to an assignment elsewhere.

Stand for Children's 2010 annual report and financial statement lists the Walton Family Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as patrons of \$250,000 or more. Before you visit WalMart to purchase Microsoft Office remember that Stand for Children is intent on stripping MA teachers of their seniority rights by undermining collective bargaining, inviting favoritism and taking away the voice of teachers.

I have urged Representative Fennell, Representative Walsh, Senator McGee, and Lynn School Committee members Capano, Carrasco, Ford, and Gallo to oppose the ballot initiative, as well as addressed the Lynn Business Education Foundation, North Shore Labor Council, and the Democratic City Committee on the issue. For more information about the ballot question including tips on how to talk with your neighbors about Stand for Children's attack on teachers and their unions, visit [www.lynnteachersunion.org](http://www.lynnteachersunion.org) and select political action.


### Comings and goings - congratulations and best wishes

**John Walsh**, LEHS' track coach, was named Northeast Conference coach of the year. **Timothy Burt** was appointed program specialist at the Cobbet School. **Allison Deveau** has retired. Congratulations to all!

### We remember

The LTU regrets to inform you that Joyce Day, Loretta Ford, Mary Guarente and Marilyn McGougan have passed away.

In solidarity,



Brant Duncan

### Upcoming Events

- Executive Board Meeting – 2/8/12 – Union Office – 3 p.m.
- Membership Meeting – 2/15/12 – Union Office – 3 p.m.
- North Shore Labor Council's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference – 2/25/12 – Saint Stephen's Church – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the calendar section of [www.lynnteachersunion.org](http://www.lynnteachersunion.org) for more information.

*Do you have an event you'd like publicized? Send the relevant information to the LTU.*



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