

President's Report

September 2021

- 1. Correspondence
- a. From the VSCHSD requesting permission for sixth period assignments;
- b. To the VSCHSD granting permission for sixth period assignments;
- c. To UFSD 13 approving LETRS program stipends
- d. From the VSCHSD denying the Grievance of Section 5.25.1.6

2. Teachers Contract and VSTA Constitution

Paper copies have been provided to all Unit Leaders and Executive Council Delegates. Electronic copies may be accessed under the Member Only Section of www.vsteachers.org

3. Committee Listings

The Committee listings will be posted on the VSTA website. All committees will be planning meetings in the coming weeks.

4. Negotiations

VSTA Nurses are in the process of ratifying the MOA to move it to a member vote. VSCHSD Teaching Assistants and EOP group continue negotiating. Negotiations for District 13 Teaching Assistants will begin on September 23, 2021. Deanna Gisonda will be the Unit Representative for this group.

5. VSTA Fall Social set for Friday, October 15th

The event will be held at Kasey's Rooftop in Rockville Centre on New VSTA members are invited to attend at no charge. Tickets can be purchased from your building Unit Leader

6. Reminder to Unit Leaders

For those who have not already done so, please send your building roster to the VSTA Office at VSTA1633@optonline.net.



7. VSTA Advisor

After discussion with the President's Advisory and after consideration of their unanimous agreement, I have ended the employment relationship with Patrick Naglieri. He has been informed of the decision. The VSTA will honor the contract with Mr. Naglieri, which runs through the end of this school year. If there any further questions please feel free to contact me.

8. PTA

All members are encouraged to support the PTA.

9. Grievance

There is currently a grievance in the VSCHSD which will be continuing to the Arbitration Stage according to the CBA.

10. VSTA Luncheon for New Teachers

As it does prior to the opening of every school year, the VSTA hosted an orientation luncheon meeting for all teachers new to the Valley Stream districts. Altogether VSTA President Noele Villa and Vice Presidents John Reece, Giger Calderaro, and Ellyn Fitzgerald welcomed 57 new members and provided them with an overview of of the union's functions.

11. Covid Vaccine and Testing

Governor Hochul has mandated vaccination or testing for all teachers in New York. The VSTA leadership has been in contact with all Valley Stream Superintendents concerning the planning and implementation of these plans.

In solidarity,
Noele Villa, President
Ginger Calderaro, Vice-President
Ellyn Fitzgerlad, Vice- President
John Reece, Vice-President
Ron Rini, Treasurer

