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REPORT ON THE CONVENTION

Saturday, October 23, 2004 marked the annual Association of Assistant Principals Educational Conference at the Ramada Plaza Hotel at JFK airport. This year the theme was "Reporting for Duty".

We as Assistant Principals naturally understand the myriad of responsibilities we encounter on a daily basis. This year our honorees, both of whom, were presented with our "Friends of Education" award, were Jill Levy, President of the Council of Supervisors and Administrators, and Deputy Chancellor Carmen Farina. Both honorees have spent their careers serving the children of the New York City school system. These award winners understand all too well what is required for a school to be successful. Their remarks demonstrated their passion, dedication and commitment to public education. These qualities, as well as their appreciation of the work we do, showed us what truly gifted educators they are and demonstrated how worthy they are of the awards bestowed upon them by our organization. Also honored by the Association of Assistant Principals on this night were: retired A.A.P. President Mark Brodsky, and Vice Presidents Emerson Spry and Tony Peterson. They were honored for their commitment and for the time they gave so willingly to our Association. These are the qualities that make it a pleasure to work with these professionals.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the Association of Assistant Principals will be a joint AAP-EA Dinner Meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel at JFK Airport on April 19, 2005.
It is being sponsored by McDougal Littell.

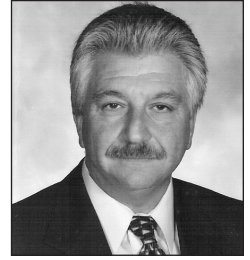
*All AP's are invited. You will be receiving a flier with
additional information in the mail.
We hope you can make it.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Hi!

Allow me to introduce myself. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Sandy DiTripani, and I took over the leadership of the Association of Assistant Principals upon the retirement of its past president, Mark Brodsky, in September, 2004. I have been an assistant principal since 1997, working at P.S. 177 (Region 7) in what is still District 21, Brooklyn. With over 30 years of experience in education, I can safely say I've done it all. Approximately four years ago, while attending the AAP's annual conference, I was truly taken by the warmth, professionalism, and genuine camaraderie of its members. It was at the conference that I met some old friends who encouraged me to become active in the Association. I actually welcomed the opportunity to share my deep sense of professionalism with others. In a short period of time, I became involved in many of the numerous activities which are the mainstay of

this organization. I served as recording secretary, and then as Vice-President for the past three years. During this time, I was active on the Conference Committee and the Election Committee.



Sandy DiTripani

As a result of my work with the Association, I also became involved in the CSA, first as a delegate representative, and then on the district level. Throughout this time, I began to appreciate the work we do even more.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you, and hope that you will join me in making our organization the benchmark by which all others are judged. Remember—this is your organization; become an active part of it!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Connected Principal Spring Seminars will begin on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 4:00pm. The Connected Principal series is a presentation of nine, one-hour “webinars” that deal with the five major categories of the Principal's Performance Review. These sessions provide valuable professional development for principals and assistant principals. Topics include Safe and Orderly Environments, Budget and Finance, ELL and Bilingual Instruction, Special Education, etc. The workshops are presented jointly by Teaching Matters, Inc. and the Executive Leadership Institute through a grant from Washington Mutual Bank. This series of workshops, in conjunction with other offerings from Teaching Matters, offers up to 13 hours of professional development that will meet the requirements for new supervisors. To participate all you need is an Internet connection and a PC. To register call Elizabeth, of Teaching Matters, at 212-870-3505. For more information go to the CSA website (go to www.aapny.org and click on “Council of

Supervisors and Administrators”) then click on Professional Development, then click on The Executive Leadership Institute and the Connected Principal, for a complete calendar and list of offerings.

The Executive Leadership Institute, in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education and St. John's University, will be conducting Leadership Seminars this summer from July 11-14, 2005 at the St. John's campus in Manhattan for all newly appointed, first- and second-year assistant principals. Also, from July 19-21, 2005, and again from July 26-28, 2005, the Executive Leadership Institute will be offering a variety of professional development opportunities for all K-8 and High School supervisors respectively. If you have any questions regarding these offerings call 718-852-3000. Brochures and fliers will be distributed in early April with complete course listings and registration details.

The huge success of this conference was due largely to the tireless efforts of our conference committee and the numerous sub-committees. I must begin by mentioning John Oricchio, our vendor chairman. John truly outdid himself by bringing in new vendors, as well as our regular vendors, to our conference. John was my guiding eye during the entire process. John, your skills and know-how were truly part and parcel of the success of the conference—Thank you! I would also be remiss if I did not thank Mark Brodsky, our past president. Without Mark and his years of experience directing several conferences before this one, the task would have been impossible. He came through and offered guidance and assistance each step of the way. For this I am truly grateful.

I also want to thank Juanita Johnson, Lorraine Wan Eng, Emerson Spry, Debbie Azzata, Nick Sforza, Judith Willoughby, Bob Kingsley, Joe Henry, Toni Peterson, Lucy Ellio, Patricia Mack, Eugenia Ellsworth, and Sam Zilberzweig for their tremendous help.

I need to also thank Peggy Clemmons from District 23 for her heartwarming and uplifting renditions of God Bless America and the Star Spangled Banner. And thanks to Dr. Linda Michelle Brown who helped us to “reach out and touch somebody’s mind”. Your performances were truly uplifting and added a special tone to our day! Thank you.

To our workshop presenters Irwin Shanes, Bob Reich and Dr. Bruce Hirschhorn of CSA: How do

you measure the value of your workshops when there are so many new assistant principals who are unfamiliar with benefits and information that is important? Only one answer: Irwin, Bob and Bruce—you are all invaluable to our Association.

To Steve Sultan, our pension planning and retirement consultant: thank you for making a daunting topic palatable and informative. And thank you also to Leslie Gurka and Dr. Noemi Wallace from CSA’s Educational Leadership Institute for their workshop “Art of the Walkthrough.”

Each year our conference has workshops geared toward our members. Its information is geared especially for Assistant Principals. We recognize and understand the nature and depth of the responsibilities we share, and salute your hard work. At a time when concern has begun to set in that the assistant principal position is being phased out, so to speak, it is more important than ever that we stay united and show support for each other. We are undaunted in our professionalism and love of the children whose lives we touch each and every day. Our spirits are strong because we know the value of the work we perform day in and day out. It is due to these reasons that we announce each year that we are “Reporting for Duty”, which was our conference theme this year. On a final note, we hope to see all of you next year at our next conference, which will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005. Remember: our strength is in our numbers! *Have a terrific year.*

ALSO TO BE NOTED:

Visit our web site at www.aapny.org. There you will find much useful information, such as applications for Mini-grants, the Martin Safran Award, and the AAP Scholarship Program (which has been renamed the Stewart Weiner Scholarship Program in honor of our dear friend and colleague, a former AAP vice-president, who passed away recently.)

OBITUARY

Stewart Weiner, 52, Assistant Principal of PS 20 (Manhattan) passed away last May 7, after a long struggle with an illness. Mr. Weiner had been the AP at PS 20 since 1991. Before PS 20, he served as the AP of PS 134, from 1986 to 1991. He served as District 1’s Math Coordinator between 1983 and 1986. Mr. Weiner was a vital and committed member of his school community. Mr. Weiner often worked more than 12 hours a day and on weekends too. He was instrumental in setting up the school’s Peer Mediation Program, yearbook, graduation trips and many other extracurricular activities. Mr. Weiner was the personification of the adage “No one stands as tall as he who stoops to help a child,” said Dr. Golubchick, school principal. Mr. Weiner served as the corresponding secretary for the Association of Assistant Principals. Throughout his illness he continued to serve our organization. We will always remember his commitment and service to AAP. We miss him and have renamed our college scholarship in his honor “The Stewart Weiner College Scholarship Fund”.

Lovingly Submitted by Juanita Johnson, Vice President AAP

MINI GRANT AWARDS 2004

Each year the AAP sponsors a Mini-Grant program. This program provides a rare opportunity for Assistant Principals to acquire funds for projects they would like to launch or further develop. Each winner will have the opportunity to present their project in depth during an AAP meeting, at which time they will receive their award. This opportunity is available to any member of AAP. Applications for the next round (2005) can be found on the AAP website. Winners will be selected prior to the 2005 AAP Conference.

Last Year's Winners:

Nancy Miller, AP, P.S. 34Q

Project: Lunchtime Library

Brief Summary: To enhance the Balanced Literacy and Everyday Math Programs.

lunch time will be used as a time of enrichment, Monies will be used to purchase books, games, art materials, etc. A chess club and book club will also be established to meet at this time.

Patricia Sabater, AP, P.S. 219K

Project: P.S. 219K Annex Lending Library

Brief Summary: The school has a main library for PreK-4 in the main building, but no library in the Annex several blocks away. The library is needed to supply those students with leveled materials for enrichment and pleasure reading. Books will be catalogued and put into circulation for home and school use.

Lucie Elio, AP, P.S. 163Q

Project: Rainbow Quilters

Brief Summary: This project will introduce the students to hobbies as alternatives to TV watching and playing video games. The children will be introduced to quilting as a hobby. They will research the history of quilts and learn how to express themselves by creating quilt squares and sewing them together to create a whole quilted wall hanging or lap quilt.

Joanne Ambrosia, AP, PS. 86Q

Project: Celebrate Our Differences

Brief Summary: In a multicultural school, this project is needed to understand and appreciate the different cultures and religions represented by the school population. Monies will be used for programs, visuals, guest speakers, cultural displays, community cultural night program etc.

Judith Willoughby, AP, School for International Studies (K) MS/HS

Project: Peer Tutoring Club

Brief Summary: Selected High School students (recommended by the math department) will tutor middle school students in math skills on an ongoing basis. Monies will be used for materials, training, incentives and stipends for the tutors.

MARTIN SAFRAN AWARD AND DINNER

Martin Safran was an Assistant Principal who symbolized all that Assistant Principals aspire to be. In his honor, we hold an annual scholarship award dinner, our last meeting of the year. It is at this dinner that we award \$100.00 savings bonds, plaques and beautiful Certificates of Merit to ten students from throughout the city who give of themselves to their school and/or community. We look for two students from every borough, one student from an elementary school and one student from a middle school. The applicants must submit an essay describing their activities, and it must be signed off by their recommending Assistant Principal, a member of the AAP. The deadline for submission is May 10, 2005, and the dinner will be held on June 7th. Invited to this dinner will be the winning students, their parents, and their AP's. If you have any students in your school that you would like recognized, (and we're sure you do) fill out the application in this newsletter, or you can download the application from our web site.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST AAP MEMBERS!

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6	LONNIE AVERY	M164	24	RICHARD MARINO	Q77
8	CAROLE BADER	M142	9	JANE MARTIN	X004
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24	NICHOLAS BOLOGNA	Q102	6	CHRISTINE MCKENNA	M028
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The Association of Assistant Principals thanks the following vendors for supporting our conference on October 23. In addition we urge our member to contact them and see what great products they have to offer our schools.

In addition we also want to recognize the following companies for their support of the conference souvenir that was distributed to all attendees. They are Amsco, Harcourt Achieve, Pearson Prentice Hall, Pearson Scott Foresman, Reed Ring and Stephen G. Sultan.

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Dinner on June 7, 2005

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School _____ **District** _____

Grade _____ **Age** _____ **Social Security #*** _____

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Name of Assistant Principal Submitting Nomination _____

Address of School _____

School Telephone Number _____ **Fax** _____

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