

## **Sachem Legislative Committee Minutes**

**September 20, 2007**

The Sachem Legislative Committee met on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 at Samoset Middle School in Library.

Welcome to: New member of Committee: Diane Ziems of Grundy Ave School Area.

Members in attendance:

Sal Nicosia, Chairperson  
Michelle Gravino  
Sandra Jones

Barry Seidel  
Jeff Vinci  
Shawn Hymms

Meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

Sal Nicosia presented an outline of the achievements of the Committee since its inception in January 2006.

a. October 2006 Public Forum held at Sequoyia Middle School. 10 Candidates attended the Forum. Candidates included State Assembly persons and State Senators and a representative of Republican-Conservative Candidate for Governor John Faso. A Q&A format was used. Those in attendance were given 3x5 cards to write down questions they wanted to ask a particular candidate and we obliged them by distributing the cards to the candidatures they were addressed

content of the letter also apprised the residents of the change in State Aid during the last 50 years. In the 1950's, NYS Government paid for 61% of the Local School Budgets and Local Residents paid 39% of the Budget from their property values. In 2005-6 school year, Local residents paid 57% of the School Budget and NYS Government paid 43%. Over 20,000 letters were printed and distributed through: Elementary School children taken the letter home, Civic and Service Organization in the Sachem Area were given copies to distribute to their members. All Fire Districts were given copies to distribute to all fire personnel, Business organizations were given copies to give to their employees and customers, Churches were visited to ask if they would place the letter in their respective Church Bulletins. We submitted copies of the letter to Our Place and Pennysaver News.

- c. Continue to educate the public on the importance of voting in May.
- d. Distribute flyers of information at School Events: Concerts, Sports Events, churches, civic groups, businesses, service organizations, schools in district.
- e. take a proactive role in the School Coalition that has formed and is seeking to expand its membership.
- f. Work with Sache(s)-1h((r)-2 (oNlt)-7 (h08.96 Tm [(1maani)-2 (o)5 (r)3 (s)-1 ( t)-2 (o e)-1 (nc)-1 (our)3 (a)4