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Representative Council Minutes

April 26, 2007

I. Call to Order at 3:50 PM: The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, PPS, Maint. Sp. Subjects and Science Res.Ctr. Absent from the meeting: LAST, Adm., Field House and Media/IT.

A. Introduction of Buddies: None - Reps are encouraged to bring a "buddy".

B. Announcements: The following items were presented to council:

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda -4/26/07
2. LEA Minutes of March 15, 2007 meeting
3. NJEA Summer Leadership flyer
4. Retirement Seminar Notice
5. UCEA - Legally Blonde The Musical – flyer
6. 12 -Month Employee Calendar for 2007-2008
7. Letter to Mr. Martino requesting 12 Month employees be released from duties at 4PM to attend the LEA Spring Party
8. NJEA Statement on Public Employees' Pension Funds
9. Letter to Mr. Martino – Re: Professional Development/Project Special
10. Non-tenure Teaching Staff Member Non-Renewal Procedures – Time Limits

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Loretta Hardy to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of March 15, 2007 with a second by Esther Harris. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) bettyo47@yahoo.com

The following correspondence was received: A thank you letter was received from the *George Dooley Memorial Foundation* for our financial support of \$200 and a note of thanks from the Peluso family. The following cards have been sent: Michael Stevens,(McManus) engagement; Jill DiPietro, (#9), surgery; Anne Stanco,(#9), death of mother; Michael Philbert,(LHS),death of brother; Juanita O'Neal,(LHS), death of brother-in-law; Fran Berlinski,(LHS),illness; Ed Liskiewicz,(LHS), death of mother; Jeanne Moss, (PPS), death of father; Sonia Beltran,(Science Res.Center),engagement; Richard Marcino,(#4), death of grandmother; Tami Peters Charles,(#2),marriage; Maria Pizzelli,(#2), death of father; Pat Evans,(#6), death of father-in-law; Janice Hoffer,(#6), death of mother; Amy Vaniska,(#6), engagement; Cara Urbanski,(#6), marriage; Lenore Matzkanick,(#8), death of father; Melissa Mazurek,(#8), death of uncle; Shaliek Moore,(LHS),birth of daughter; Patricia Colangelo,(LHS), death of uncle; Norma White, (LHS), death of aunt; Mary Turbett, (LHS), death of mother. **Correction** - acknowledgement from the family of Kathleen James due to the death of her sister.

Correspondence via US MAIL is to be sent to the LEA at P.O.Box 3085,

NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL #6 OR USE THE LINDEN SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS TO CONTACT CINDY APALINSKI

IV. Treasurer's Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 80,159.24	Luncheon:	\$ 511.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 7196.55	Money Market:	\$ 17,317.46

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Due to the Board elections and certain conflicts, a new Board committee will be formed. Cindy is in contact with Mr. Coplan on a weekly basis and as soon as their team is ready, she will inform the membership.

Ed Mack- Custodian/Maintenance: The committee met with their Uniserve Rep and are developing a short one page survey for their unit.

B. Membership: Betty Ogureck – All Reps are asked to continue signing new employees. NJEA

calendars are available for new members. All members are reminded to inform Membership of any changes in name, address or phone numbers.

As of 4/30/07 the membership total is as follows; Teachers/Sec. (655), Full-Time Paras (73), Part-time (96), Custodial/Maint. (73). Total - 897

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Len Sobel* – No report

D. Newsletter: *Joanne Ferrara*– Members are encouraged to be informed of the **Negotiations Corner**. Items that are NEA, NJEA, LEA or UCEA related are encouraged to be added to the Newsletter. If any member wishes to submit an advertisement, please do so through the LEA email ONLY, not through the Linden system and not through interoffice. Members that have been successful with advertising are to contact Cindy to either have ad remain or deleted from Newsletter. The newsletter will be out on 4/27/07.

E. Grievances: *Cindy Apalinski* – No new grievances have been filed. However there are 4 possible grievances that are being investigated at School #2. An update will be given at the next Rep meeting. Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.

F. Philanthropic: *Kelly Koziol* – A 50/50 will take place at the Spring Party. A list of all donations given for the year will be available at the end of the year.

G. Superintendent's Liaison: *JoAnn Hamilton* – Please send concerns to JoAnn at LHS by 5/4/07. The committee would like to have one more meeting before the end of the school year.

H. LEA Retirement Luncheon: Hosted by School One. The Gran Centurion has been considered. A committee has been formed. A date has not been set.

I. Scholarships: *Margaret Novalany* – The committee will meet on 5/8/07 at school # 4 to work on the applications.

J. LPDC: The committee will be co-chaired by Ewa Usowicz (#8) and Michael D'Amato (Soehl). Any member wishing to be on the committee is to contact Cindy.

K. Web Master: *Sally Stevens*- Members are requested to use the **LEA Website** for ALL **Local, County and State** info. Many questions can be answered via the Website. The LEA Newsletter has been added to the web page. Building Maintenance Forms will also be found on site.

L. Nominations: *Len Sobel* – There were no nominations sent to Len. Len presented the following slate of officers for the 2007-08 school year. Elizabeth A. Ogureck (Sec.) one vote cast by Len Sobel; Sally Stevens (Treas.) one vote cast by Len Sobel; Dianna Dertinger,(Vice Pres.) one vote cast by Len Sobel and Cindy Apalinski,(President) one vote cast by Len Sobel. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was voted in as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Linden Pension Workshop – May 10, 2007 – LEA offices - Members planning to retire within the next two years are invited to the workshop. They MUST send back an RSVP or they will NOT be able to attend.

B. Spring Party – May 4, 2007 at **THE CUP** – A good time was had by ALL, including Mr. Martino, Mr. Tomazic, and several Board members.

C. BOE Elections – The Budget was passed. The effort made by the LEA and the PTA was key to this election. Mr. Martino congratulated the LEA for their effort. Reps are asked to THANK the members for their support.

D. LEA/LINCS WALKATHON – June 1, 2007 – All members are encouraged to attend and donate their time, food and dollars to this event.

E. LPDC – Workshop May 23,2007

F. Social Justice Tour – Kevin LaMastra has 6 people confirmed to this trip, but needs 2 more to be able to go on the tour. Any member interested, Kevin can be contacted at Soehl.

G. Project Special Professional Development - Refer to letter sent to Mr. Martino by Cindy dated 4/23/07 in which she has stated needs for the Special Ed members.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Linden BOE Meeting – Meeting held on 3/21/07. Report given by Cindy.

B. Retirements – Reps were asked to send Retirement Invitations to the LEA so that an officer can attend to represent the LEA.

C. Non-Tenured Terminations Timeline – All nontenured staff are to be notified by May 15 of non-renewal. Non-tenured staff are asked to follow the timeline provided by their building rep.

D. Summer Leadership Conference – Reps are asked to make copies for those interested. Cindy needs applications by May 10,2007.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15 PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck