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Representative Council Minutes

April 15, 2010

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

A. **Introduction of Buddies:** Jane Kologi with Rep Joanne DeNunzio (McM); Durell Burress and Janice Argentier with Maria Pizzelli(#1); Albert Hollus with Rep Morris Leone (McM); Brian Martinson with Rep Ron Bornstad (Maint); Nicole Petrin with Dorothy Hachey (#2). Joanne and Durell received the gift certificates to Barnes and Noble.

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

1. LEA minutes of March 18, 2010
2. LEA Agenda for April 15, 2010
3. Comfort Keepers flyer
4. Non-Tenure Teaching Staff Non-renewal Procedures
5. Wine Tasting – June 4, 2010
6. Spring Party – May 7, 2010
7. Staples – 50% off – see Reps for info
8. Turn Your Children Green – njea.org
9. ESP Night Somerset Patriots – May 18, 2010 – see Reps for info
10. NJEA Teacher and Educational Support Night – River Sharks Baseball – June 4 – see Rep
11. NJEA Summer Leadership conference – deadline May 14, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of March 18, 2010 with a second by Mickie Hamilton. Council passed the motion.

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

The following cards/letters were received: A Thank You from Rose Luminiello for the opportunity to attend the 2010 Winter Leadership Conference. The following cards were sent: Marie Henry, (LHS), death of father-in-law; Melidssa Maggio, (LHS), death of uncle; Shaliek, (LHS), birth of son; Laurel Bellerio, (#10), surgery; Russ Krus, (#10), surgery; Nicole Pirizzolli, (39), surgery; Carol Dugan, (#9), death in family; Frank Green, (#9), surgery; Irene Gatoulis, (Soehl), death of father; Brian Cifello, (Soehl), death of uncle; Joseph Marretta, (Soehl), death of aunt; Laura Bongovi, (Soehl), death in family; Nancy Corradino, (McM), death of grandmother; Brenda Cahill, (McM), death of cousin; Allison Smith, (#10), death of mother; Sandra Coglinese, (#10), surgery; Carol Thomas-Garretson, (Soehl), death of aunt.

Correspondence via US MAIL to the LEA at P.O.Box 3085, NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL #6 & DO NOT USE (k.12) EMAIL TO CONTACT CINDY APALINSKI (IT WILL BE DELETED)

IV. **Treasurer's Report: Sally Stevens**

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 73,399.68	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 4232.71	Money Market:	\$ 66,552.95

V. **Standing Committees:**

A. **Negotiations:** Greg Grasso: Teachers/Sec/Paras/Crisis Intervention/District Security: Current contract ends 6/30/2010. Send concerns for next contract to Greg Grasso at the High School, or gregory.grasso@yahoo.com. Input Needed!

Prescription reimbursement issues need to be completed. Update at next Rep Council.

Any member wishing to waive Health Insurance Rights are to send form to Ann Toporowski (Payroll) by the 5th of the month.

Robert Kratzer- Custodian/Maintenance – Send concerns to Bob at the Field House.

Do not email using K12!

B. **Membership:** Betty Ogureck – Reminded to sign all **NEW** employees, please check with building secretary for new hires. Calendars for all members are available, contact Betty.

- C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel* – Pension issues addressed. Urge all members to CALL Legislators. May 12, 2010 ,Legislative Dinner. Pension formula not out of committee.
- D. Newsletter:** *Jim Topoleski* – Jim may be contacted at lindenedassnnews@gmail.com .Send ideas
1.Educational 2. PD 3. Union related. Articles needed.
- E. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* –#9(07-08), investigating long standing practice of accumulating sick time and family leave then applied, ie: sick leave then family leave. Papers have been exchanged between BOE and LEA attorneys. Board filed with PERC (summary Judgement)meetings set for 10/20 and 10/21 have been cancelled by PERC until the summary judgement issue is decided. No movement. ; #6 (08-09) Teacher/para/sec unit at Level III, inconcern of improper payment in regards to COBRA,worker’s Comp. attorneys, cannot move forward , State to determine if workman’s comp No word;#2(09-10) At Level III, Bd hearing, no daate. #3 (09-10) Principal reprimanding employees at Level III to meet with BOE, no date; #4(09-10) Level II – improper demand by the Superintendent of an obituary or prayer card for a bereavement day, appointment, 4-19-10.
Reminder to all members that there is a 15 day time limit to submit a grievance.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – Paul Blue Scholarship donations still needed.
- G. Superintendent’s Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Committee has met, a date for the next meeting is to be set. Do not FAX info to JoAnn at he guidance dept.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School # 5.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* –Committee is set and will review all applications.
- J. LPDC:** *Roger Murphy* – All Schools have completed first draft and are on track – must meet deadline. PIPs for the 2010-11 school year needs to be related to the building PD. District plan has been submitted to the county.
- K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens*- www.lindenedassn.org Members are requested to use the **LEA Website** for **ALL Local, County and State** info. Many questions can be answered via the Website. Send ideas. The Contract Extension is now on the website. LEA now has a Twitter account. LindenNJEdAssn
- L. Social:** *Mary C. Williams*- The Spring Fling will be on May 7, 2010 and be at” The Cup”; Wine Tasting at Amici’s on 6/4/10 from 4-7:30 ,cost \$25.Bowling will be a definite for next year, will start mid-February. Bowling Banquet will be announced.
- M. Nominations:** *Len Sobel* – The following slate was presented to Rep Council; Ellizabeth Ogureck, (Secretary); Sally Stevens, (Treasurer); Dianna Dertinger,(Vice President); and Cindy Apalinski,(President). There were no nominations from the floor. Len Sobel nominated Elizabeth Ogureck for the position of Secretary with a second from Sally Stevens. Len cast the one vote needed. Sally Stevens was nominated for Treasurer by Maura Campbell , with a second from Fran Pszenica. Elizabeth Ogureck cast the one vote needed. Dianna Dertinger was nominated by Jeff Raiffe for Vice President with a second from Kathy Milano. Elizabeth Ogureck cast the one vote needed. Cindy Apalinski was nominated for President by Margaret Novalany, with a second from Morris Leone. Elizabeth Ogureck cast the one vote needed. The slate of officers were voted in for the 2010-2011 school year.

VI. Old Business

- A. Board Elections – Budget Vote – Polls open from 2-9 on 4/20. Vote is needed!
- B. Spring Party- 5/7/2010 at “The Cup”
- C. Paul Blue Scholarship – All members who knew Mr. Blue are encouraged to donate to the scholarship in his name.
- D. Candidates Night – 4/14/2010 – Greg Grasso was congratulated on a job well done as moderator. There was a good turnout . Night lasted about 2 ½ hours.
- E. Lawn signs – Signs are available at the LEA office to “Get out the Vote”.

VII. New Business

- A. BOE Meeting – Reorganization meeting will be 4/26 at 6:30 PM. Work seesion to follow. The regular meeting will be 4/28.
- B. WWW.njkidsandfamilies.org – Log onto site to sign the petition against the cuts in education
- C. UCEA Legislative Dinner – May 12, 2010 – All interested to contact Cindy.
- D. RIF/Non – Renewal – See building Rep for info and timeline.]
- E. NJEA Poll – There is a telephone poll that members will receive. It is a legitimate call.
- F. Contract info (2010-2011) – Ratified contract info will be delivered Tues – Wed of next week.
- G. Rally for a Just Budget – Save the Date – May 22, 2010- Citizens will rally at the State House in Trenton on May 22, 2010 in support for a “Just” Budget.

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