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Representative Council Minutes

February 21, 2008

I. Call to Order at 3:55 PM: The following units were represented: # 1,2,4,5, 6, 9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, LAST, PPS, Maint., and Science Res.Ctr.

Absent from the meeting: #8, Media/IT, Sp. Subjects, Adm. And Field House

A. Introduction of Buddies: None

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda -2/21/08
2. LEA Minutes of January 17, 2008
3. Summer Pay

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Morris Leone to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of January 17, 2008 with a second by Jeff Raiffe. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) bettvo47@yahoo.com

The following cards were received: A Thank You card was received from Zareena Uddin. The following cards were sent: Pat Conway,(#10),death of uncle; Enrica Mercorelli,(Soehl), illness; Tracie Chapman,(Soehl), death of family member; Ursula Saunders,(Soehl), death of family member; Eileen Cadorette,(Soehl), death of cousin; Karsten Niehues,(Soehl/McM),birth of son; Michael White,(Soehl), death of uncle; Gina Irizarry,(Soehl), death of family member; Renata Marchesi,(Soehl), death of great aunt; Sonia Beltran Rhein,(ScResCtr), death of nephew; Linda Ong,(LHS), death of mother; Michael Sellari,(LHS), death of grandmother; Virginia Link-Pease,(LHS), death of son; Michelle Diaz,(#4), death of grandmothers; Sol Starkman,(LAST), death of sister-in-law; Pat Evans,(#6),illness; Gerry Miksiewicz,(#6), death of father-in-law; Tracey Lepore,(#4),surgery; Brianne Hanlon,(LHS), death of aunt; Beth Schwartz,(Soehl),death of husband; Chanita Babrow,(Soehl), death of uncle.

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:	\$ 70,425.54	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 7,363.95	Money Market:	\$ 37,356.90

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: BOE approved the contract at the 2/20/08 Board meeting. Rich gave his thanks to the committee for their hard work.

Ed Mack- Custodian/Maintenance – Meeting will be held on 2/26/08 with the team members. The meeting with the Board will meet after Board Elections.

B. Membership: *Betty Ogureck* –All Reps are reminded to continue to sign new employees, and to send **name, phone and address changes** to Betty (Soehl). The total number of members as of 2/21/08 is 903. Calendars and new teacher bags for all new members are still available. Please email Betty for your request.

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Len Sobel* – Delegate Assembly will meet on 3/11/08. Legislative Dinner will be held on 4/9/08 at the Westwood in Garwood. Anyone wishing to become a UCEA Rep for the LEA is to contact Len at McManus.

D. Newsletter: *Joanne Ferrara*- Any member wishing to place an ad or to help with the Newsletter – please contact Joanne (McManus). Newsletter will go out via interoffice.

E. Grievances: *Cindy Apalinski* - #4(07-08) in regards to Summer Pay has been settled, LEA won grievance. #5 ('07-'08) Involuntary transfer, is at Level II and was filed on 1/8/08.The

Superintendent has responded that the transfer was an emergency. #6(07-08), in regards to custodial supply deficiency, this was filed on 1/8/08. Reps are to conduct a new survey in regards to supplies. #7(07-08) In regards to heating situation at the Academy was filed at Level II.

Reminder to all members that there is a 15 day time limit to submit a grievance.

- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – There will be a Raffle after the Spring Break. A donation have been made to the family of a School 1 Third-grader who passed away.
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* –Concerns must be discussed at the building Liaison meetings first. Cindy does not have all Building Liaison committees. A reminder that building meetings are NOT to take place during Prep or Lunch times.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School # 2. Cindy has recommended that a committee be formed.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Each building received applications. There are 2 different applications; one is for college bound students and the other is for students who are presently in college or trade school.
- J. LPDC:** *Ewa Usowicz and Michael D'Amato* – Any concerns please forward them to Maria Pizzelli at #1. Anyone wishing to become a mentor is to give their name to the building principal.
- 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. Anyone wishing to submit their email address can do so via the website.
- L. Nominations:** *Len Sobel* – Nominations are open for any member wishing to become an LEA officer on Executive Council. Please contact Len at McManus.

VI. Old Business

- A. Contract Ratification** – New salary increases should be calculated by the 3/31 paycheck. Employees are to be accountable for their salary increase, make sure it is correct. If calculations are incorrect, statement is to be put in writing.

VII. New Business

- A. Linden BOE Meeting** – Report given by Cindy, there are several new employees.
- B. READ ACROSS AMERICA** - Members are encouraged to go to the NEA website for information.
- C. Spring Party** - May 9, 2008
- D. Retirement Workshop** – To be held in April.
- E. Proposed Calendar 2008-09** – Each building is to vote on the (3) proposals and call in the results to the LEA office.

Meeting Adjourned 5:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck