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Representative Council Minutes

January 18, 2007

I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM: The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9,10, McM, Soehl, LHS, Adm., Special Subjects, PPS, Maint., and Science Res.Ctr. Absent from meeting: LAST, and Media/IT .

A. Introduction of Buddies: Monica Kolesa –buddy (#10) and Rep. Mickie Hamilton; Lori Ann DeMarzo – buddy(#1) and Rep. Kim Krupski; Dawn Schmitz-buddy(Adm.) and Rep. Karen Seaman. Monica Kolesa and Karen Seaman were selected to win Gift Certificates to Barnes and Noble.

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda –1/18/07
2. LEA Minutes of December 14, 2006 meeting
3. LEA Calendar January – April 2007
4. Sample member info sheet from (#9) – L.E.A. Notes
5. Union County Education Association Report – Len Sobel

INFO TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mickie Hamilton to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of December 14, 2006 with a second by Linda Drake. 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 note from Russell Krus; a Thank You note from Kristen Bierwirth for the LEA hosting the Holiday Dinner; a Thank You for our expression of sympathy from the Kuban family; a Thank You note for our expression of sympathy from the family of Kristen Kelly and a letter of gratitude to the LEA from member Inez Andreola. The following cards have been sent: Ed Esposito,(Soehl), death of uncle; Natasha Kuban,(Soehl),death of grandmother; Kristen Kelly,(#5),death of uncle; Tom Cromwell,(McM),death of grandmother; Jan Flanagan,(McM),illness; Arnold Wolfin,(LHS),death of aunt; Allison Milkosky(LHS), death of grandmother; Michael Tomasulo,(LHS),surgery; James Topoleski,(Media/IT),engagement; Lalah Motley,(Att.Off.),injury; Cynthia Coler,(#5),death of aunt; Rosalia Russino,(McM),engagement; Laura Twichell,(McM),engagement; Brianne Hanlon,(LAST),engagement; Barbara Superak,(LHS), death of aunt; Edie Pienciak,(LHS), death of father-in-law; Meenadaye Bachan,(LHS),death of father-in-law and grandmother; Esther Harris,(#9),death of uncle; Sharon Feinsod,(Soehl),surgery; Kathleen Tuers,(Soehl),death of aunt.

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

NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.

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IV. Treasurer's Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 51,360.81	Luncheon:	\$ 511.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 7,551.89	Money Market:	\$ 17,306.67

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: NJEA Surveys have been mailed to NJEA,data to be returned in 2/3 weeks. 570 surveys collected from membership with 100% from the Science Resource Center. A meeting with the Board is scheduled for the end of January.

Ed Mack- Custodian/Maintenance: Committee is being formed.

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. Employees that have not joined will become Rep Fee members, up to 85% of the membership fee will be deducted. Membership totals as of 1/2/07is as

follows; Teachers/Sec. (680), Full-Time Paras (79), Part-time (95), Custodial/Maint.(72).
in March.

Update

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Len Sobel* – Report and upcoming events listings were given to each Rep.

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.

E. Grievances: *Cindy Apalinski* - #1 (05-06) Settled in our favor, however the BOE is filing papers with the Superior Court that the arbitrator exceeded his authority;#1(06-07)docking of pay(Cust/Maint)had a BOE hearing on 1/23/07 with a settlement reached; #2(06-07) custodial termination also had a BOE hearing on 1/23/07 and a settlement was reached with employee to return to work after a suspension.

Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.

F. Philanthropic: *Kelly Koziol* – There will be a Spring Raffle. Tickets will go out mid February with the raffle picked at the March LEA meeting. May 4, 2007 will be the LEA Spring Party at “The Cup”.

G. Superintendent’s Liaison: *JoAnn Hamilton* – Please send concerns to JoAnn at LHS.

H. LEA Retirement Luncheon: Hosted by School One.

I. Scholarships: *Margaret Novalany* – Applications(2 types) will go out to the Reps. Application #1 are for LHS Seniors; #2 is for college and trade school students. **April 4, 2007 is the due date.**

J. LPDC: Committee is working on PD, Chairperson is to be named.

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.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rep.Council Holiday Dinner – Festivities went well. Encouraged to hold dinner again.

B. Negotiation Survey – See Negotiations

C. Member Email List – Reps are asked to email a listing of member’s names with their personal email address. Emails will be sent to members with LEA,NJEA,UCEA and NEA info.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Linden BOE Meeting – 12/20/06 and 1/17/07 – Report given by Cindy.

B. Linden Pension Workshop – Reps are asked to poll members as to who would be interested in attending a workshop held at the LEA offices.

C. Calendar 2007-08 – Reps are to take a vote of the proposed Calendars.

D. Building Maintenance Issues –Reps are to log all concerns and email the information to Cindy.

E. ESL –World Languages –Plans- Teachers are to follow format given. Mary Lou Mitchell is reviewing the format. **Copies of the plans do not need to be sent to the Supervisor.**

Meeting Adjourned 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck