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Representative Council Minutes

January 17, 2008

- I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM:** The following units were represented: # 1,2,5, 6,8, 9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, LAST, Adm., PPS, Field House, Sp. Subjects, and Science Res.Ctr.  
Absent from the meeting: #4, Media/IT, and Maintenance
- A. Introduction of Buddies:** Lisa Bagnati and Rep. Mary Christie Williams (#20), both received a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.
- B. Announcements:** The following items were presented to council:
1. LEA Rep Council Agenda –1/17/08
  2. LEA Minutes of December 20, 2007
  3. LEA Calendar – January 2008 to April 2008
  4. LEA Information Meeting – re: contract / 2-5-08 at 4PM at the High School.
  5. LEA Voting Procedures
  6. Teaching & Learning Conference – March 7&8, 2008 - NYC

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING**

- II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Esther Harris to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of December 20, 2007 with a second by Linda Drake. Council passed the motion.
- III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) [bettyo47@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyo47@yahoo.com)**  
The following cards were received: A Thank You card was received from Rose Goldstein for the Barnes and Noble gift card received at the December meeting. A Holiday greeting card was received from Marie Henry. The following cards were sent: Jan Pac,(LHS),death of father-in-law; Zareena Uddin,(LHS), death of grandmother; JoAnn Demkowicz,(#5), death of grandfather; Ann Euell,(Soehl),injury; Beth Ross,(Soehl), death of father-in-law; Norm Heckel,(Soehl),death of aunt; Linda Fortuna,(Soehl),death of aunt; Michael White, (Soehl), death of father; Stacy Tyndorf,(McM),engaged; Edith Boyd,(McM), death of father-in-law; Saeda Abdeljaber,(LHS), death of aunt; Alvia Madurah-Browne,(#8), marriage; Jami Baker,(#8), engagement; Sonia Beltran Rhein,(Sc.Res.Ctr.), illness-surgery; Val Thompson,(#6), death of mother-in-law; Debbie Conti,(#1), illness-surgery; Melanie Taylor,(#10), engagement; Leah Pettinari,(#9), marriage; Joyce Hirsch,(#9), death of aunt; Monty Brooks,(LHS), death of mother; Lisa Herman,(LHS), birth of child. JoAnn Demkowicz,(#5), engagement; Chanita Babrow,(Soehl), death of family member; Rosa Ramirez,(#10), death of grandfather; Michael Tomasulo,(LHS), death of mother-in-law.

**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:	\$ 73,431.43	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 7,38.75	Money Market:	\$ 37,350.24

## **V. Standing Committees:**

### **A. Negotiations:**

*Rich Sullivan* - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Information meeting at the High School at 4 PM on 2/5/08. Voting for the contract will take place in all buildings on 2/7/08, there are no absentee ballots. All ballot boxes are to be brought to the LEA office by 4 PM on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Ed Mack*- Custodian/Maintenance – Negotiation meeting was held on 1/15/08 (4 hours). Progress was made on pending issues. Next meeting is 2/5/08 at 6 PM.

- 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 2/1/08 is 893.. A total of 8 employees who have not joined will become Rep Fee members, that is up to 85% of their total membership dues will be deducted. They do have the opportunity to join membership, if they

choose. Calendars and new teacher bags for all new members are still available. Please email Betty for your request.

**C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel* –Absent – no report

**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 after contract ratification.

**E. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* - # 1, 2 and 3 (07-08) have been settled positively for the Association/members. #4(07-08) in regards to Summer Pay, it is now at Level II, was filed on 1/2/08 . #5 ('07-'08) In regards to situations at the High School- room assignments, salary/prep period and involuntary transfer, this is at Level II, was filed on 1/8/08. #6(07-08), in regards to custodial supply deficiency, this was filed on 1/8/08. 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.

**G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Minutes from the 1/3/08 meeting will be sent out to all members. Send concerns to JoAnn at LHS. 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

**I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – No report

**J. LPDC:** *Ewa Usowicz* and *Michael D'Amato* – Any concerns please forward them to Maria Pizzelli at #1. – No report

**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.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Linden Athletic Hall of Fame : LEA Paul Blue Scholarship- Mr.Riggi (Chair of Committee) has been contacted.

## VII. New Business

A. Linden BOE Meeting – Report given by Cindy, there are several new employees. Reps are reminded to sign-up new employees. Personnel, Substance Abuse, and Dress Code Policies had a second reading.

B. Contract Ratification – See flyers and info mentioned under Negotiations. If passed the contract will be presented to the BOE at the 2/20/08 meeting

C. Correspondence to the Board/Superintendent – A reminder to all employees sending correspondence to include the **DATE and please sign!**

Meeting Adjourned 4:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth A. Ogureck