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Representative Council Minutes

April 27, 2006

I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM: The following units were represented: #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, Special Subjects and PPS. Absent from meeting: Soehl, LHS, LAST, Adm., Field House, Media/IT and Maintenance.

A. Introduction of Buddies:

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda –4/27/06
2. Copy of letter to send to Mr. Martino to accept employment for the 2006-07 school year.
3. Walk-A-Thon to Fight Hunger flyer
4. Non-tenure teaching staff non-renewal procedures
5. Message from NJEA to Contact Gov. Corzine in respect to his budget proposal.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO IS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sue Di Biagio to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of March 16, 2006 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 cards have been sent: Eileen Moss,(#10), death of aunt; Evelyn Rivers,(#10), death of aunt; Donna Maddelena,(#10), death of uncle; Susan De Santo,(#10), death of aunt; Ken Kunz,(#10), death of grandmother; Helen Casa,(#5), death of uncle; Lucille De Deo,(#5), death of aunt; Patricia Morek,(Soehl),death of aunt; Brooke Kirby,(Soehl), engagement; Fran Pszenica,(#10), illness; Beverly Luttgens,(#6),surgery; Lea Pettinari,(#9), death of grandmother; and Armando Canda,(LHS), injury.

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

NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$89,009.63	Luncheon:	\$ 807.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 8,381.46	Money Market:	\$ 17,274.35

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Members are reminded that 2006-07 is the last year of the present 3 year contract. Members are reminded to become an active part of the membership and volunteer for the various committees that are offered. Negotiations will be tedious and MEMBER support is essential.

Tom Monaco - Custodian/Maintenance: Members are reminded to read/check contract.

Crisis Intervention/District Security: The LEA proposals are ready. We are waiting for dates to meet with the Board Attorney. The member sitting on this committee is Elizabeth James (Soehl) along with Cindy and Dianna. Any concerns from this unit is to contact Elizabeth or Cindy . A contract for this unit should be in place as of 2006-07.

B. Membership: Betty Ogureck – As of 4/30/06 there are 69 Cust/ Maint, 87 Part/time Paras, 77 Full/time Paras and 650 Teacher/Sec.

Members are asked to contact Betty if they have a Name, Address or Phone change .

Reps are reminded to sign all new employees.

C. Legislative/UCEA: Len Sobel- Reminder from Len to vote via ballots that have come by mail for State Delegates.

D. Newsletter: Joanne Ferrara– 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.

- E. Grievances:** Cindy Apalinski - #1 (05-06) has an arbitration date of 5/31/06; #2(05-06) at Level II was settled in favor of the custodial/maintenance members. Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – The Spring raffle raised \$625 for the Philanthropic fund.
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *Maria Pizzelli*–Please send all concerns to Maria(#2). The member's name is to be on the concern, held in confidence. Maria gave a report of the recent meeting. Minutes will be sent to the buildings via interoffice mail.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by the High School – June 19, 2006 – Place has yet to be determined.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Margaret asked for a committee of 4-5 people to read the applications submitted, meeting at School #4 on Tuesday , May 2, 2006.
- J. LPDC:** *Jo Ann Hamilton* – May 24, 2006 will be the last InService Day for the year. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is to contact Cindy. An election will take place for the 2 open seats.
- 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.
- L. Nominations :** Nominations for the LEA Executive council will take place in May.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. BOE Elections – Budget was defeated in Linden by 15 votes. Voting records are open to the public.
- B. Spring Party – May 5, 2006 Cindy needed a final count from all buildings. \$10 at the door for late comers.
- C. Bally's – Membership is still open...will close June 15 and resume in September.
- D. LEA/LINCS Walkathon – June 2, 2006 / 9AM to 6PM at Wilson Park. See flyer for details.
- E. LPDC Nominations – Anyone interested is to contact Cindy.
- F. OTIS Training for Paras/School Aides – Time in the school day will be given to them to complete , at home they will not be compensated.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Linden BOE Meeting –No meeting. Next meeting will be May 3, 2006
- B. Summer Leadership Conference – Cindy has the information. Anyone interested in attending, the LEA will provide the cost.
- C. Non-Tenured Terminations
- D. Middle School Language Arts – The program is on a volunteer basis. Anyone can be transferred within the school district. Teachers attending and teaching during the summer will be paid the contractual rate.
- E. Summer Hourly Rate- The formula is 2006-2007 annual pay divided by 200, then divided by 7.
- F. Non-Tenure Time Line – Please refer to Green sheet provided to all Reps .

Meeting Adjourned 4:55 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck