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Representative Council Minutes

January 19, 2006

I. Call to Order at 3:50 PM: The following units were represented: #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, LHS, Special Subjects, and PPS. Absent from meeting: Soehl, LAST, Adm., Field House, Media, Maintenance.

A. Introduction of Buddies: Stephanie Hachey(#5), who received a Barnes and Noble gift certificate.

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

1. Copy of LEA Rep Council Minutes (December 15, 2005)
2. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 1/19/06
3. Letter regarding (Online Training In-Service Seminar)– those who have completed training are excused from ALL meetings on Monday 2/6/06.
4. 2006-07 Proposed School Calendars
5. Reporting Suspicious of Abused or Missing Children memorandum
6. LEA Calendar January – June 2006
7. GOOD IDEAS – Professional Development Conference 2006

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO IS 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 15, 2005 with a second by Mickie Hamilton. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Please send all correspondence to Betty Ogureck at Soehl 486-0550 or 486- 7799. Email address (bettyo47@yahoo.com) A letter of thanks was received from Len Sobel in regards to a sympathy card. The following cards have been sent: William Mastriano,(#2), death of father; Susan Ortiz,(#6), death of sister; Virginia Sleiger,(#6), death of niece; Carol Dinis,(#6), hospitalized; Len Sobel,(Soehl), death of aunt; Ann Euell,(Soehl), death of uncle; John McCray, (Soehl) death of member; Kathy Tuers,(Soehl), extended illness; Danny Robertozzi, (Soehl), birth of daughter; Tami Peters, (#2), engagement; Rosanna Fernandes, (Soehl), birth of son; Vincenza Vosseler, (Soehl), death of grandmother; Derrick Hodge,(#5), death of grandmother; Cherie Zimmerman, (LHS), death of uncle; Philip Colicchio, (LHS), death of uncle; Lalah Motley, (Attendance Officer), death of father; Karen Tevlin,(LHS), death of brother; Charles Anguella,(McM), death of aunt; Edie Pieniack,(LHS), death of mother-in-law; Sol Starkman,(LHS), death of father; Brianne Hanlon,(LHS), death of aunt; William Degnan,(LHS), death of father; Marisa Brenner,(McM), birth of son; Mary Ann Grieco,(Soehl), death of sister; Ernie Rebelo,(#9), surgery; Carol Dugan,(#9), surgery; Mary Ann Pirozzoli,(#9), surgery; Dorothy Wilson,(#5), deaths of aunt and uncle; Debra Mosley,(#5), death of brother; Fran Pszenica,(#10), death of brother-in-law; Sandra Dixon,(Soehl), death of uncle; Jamal Tate,(Soehl), death of uncle; Kelly Koziol,(Field House), death of uncle.

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:	\$ 63,666.24	Luncheon:	\$ 807.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 7470.46	Money Market:	\$ 17,263.59

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Members are reminded to read/check current contract which is in the second year. In the 2006-07 school year the team will again visit schools for

suggestions for the next negotiation year. No other report at this time.

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

Crisis Intervention/District Security : The committee is working on their 3rd draft of proposals , which will be submitted to the Board. A meeting is being scheduled for the near future. 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 1/02/06 there are 70 Cust/ Maint, 82 Part/time Paras, 78 Full/time Paras and 690 Teacher/Sec.

Reps are reminded to sign all new employees.

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Len Sobel*- No report – Len was absent.

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(04/05) in regards to the Teacher/Sec/Para unit, at Level 4 waiting for decision from the arbitrator; #4 (04/05) has been settled; #1 (05-06) as of 1/17/06 , filing for an arbitration date.

Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.

F. Philanthropic: *Kelly Koziol* – No report, Kelly was absent.

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. Next meeting (Feb.)will be announced .

H. LEA Luncheon: High School –No report

I. Scholarships: *Margaret Novalany* – Applications will be sent out to students in February.

J. LPDC: *Jo Ann Hamilton* – March 1,2006 workshop still needs a few presentors, anyone interested please contact Jo Ann at the High School. There will be 2 sessions, (8-11), (12-3) with lunch (11-12).

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.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horizon Health Insurance/ Pre-Certification – This situation is still occurring and members are reminded to inform Cindy when being asked for pre-certification.

B. Bally's – Information concerning membership has been distributed to members. Anyone interested in joining is to see their building Rep or call Cindy.

C. Online Training In-Service Seminar (OTIS) – Letter has been submitted by Cindy as a reminder to Mr. Martino that members are not required to attend meetings on 2/6/06 if the online training has been completed. Members are to check with building Administrators to verify completion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Linden BOE Meeting – Report was given on the meetings of 12/21/05 and 1/18/06.

B. Read Across America – March 2, 2006 – Members having special programs are asked to contact Cindy. All are encouraged to celebrate the day.

C. BOE Elections – Members are reminded to use absentee ballots if they anticipate being on vacation. The election is on 4/18/06 which is during our Spring Break.

D. Calendar 2006-2007 – The Board has submitted 3 choices for the next school year. All members are asked to choose one of the calendars (A,B or C). Reps will then call in the results to the office no later than 1/31/06.

E. DYFS – It is the teacher's responsibility is to contact DYFS when a situation arises. It is then the responsibility of the District to then contact Law Enforcement.

Meeting Adjourned 4:55 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck