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Representative Council Minutes

March 15, 2007

I. Call to Order at 3:53 PM: The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, PPS, Sp. Subjects and Science Res.Ctr. Absent from the meeting: Soehl, LHS, LAST, Adm., Maint., Field House and Media/IT.

A. Introduction of Buddies: Susan Ortiz was the "buddy" of Ginny Sleiger (#6) and Lori DeMarzo was the "buddy" of Kim Krupski (#1). Ginny and Lori won a \$10 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Reps are encouraged to bring a "buddy" to the Rep Council Meeting.

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda -3/15/07
2. LEA Minutes of February 15, 2007 meeting
3. UCEA/LAT Report - Len Sobel
4. Flyer - Exercise Your Right To Vote!
5. Letter from Mr. Martino - Custodial/Maintenance Staff
6. Letter to Mr. Martino - re: Professional Development Request
7. School Calendar 07-08
8. Social Justice Tour - Kevin La Mastra

INFO TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff Raiffe to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of February 15, 2007 with a second by Dorothy Hachey. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) bettyo47@yahoo.com

The following correspondence was received: An acknowledgement from the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care for the donation of \$50, given by the LEA in the memory of Americo Taranto; an acknowledgement from the family of Kathleen James due to the death of her sister. The following cards have been sent: Kim Casey,(LHS),extended illness; Jen Pekosz,(LHS),extended illness; Ann Euell,(Soehl), injury-work comp.; Karyn Joseph,(#2), death of aunt; Walter Schweikardt,(#2), illness; Irena Wystocka,(#6),surgery; Evelyn Rivera ,(#10),death of father; Debbie Conti, (#1), death of brother; Dorothy Dowczycki,(#1), death of husband; Laurie Glinka,(#1), surgery; Kathy Burns,(#8), engagement; Dorothy Hachey,(#5),death of uncle; Marissa Scorese,(#5), death of uncle; Inez Andreola,(#5), death of uncle; Laura Robinson,(#5),death of cousin; Belinda Pond,(LHS), death of grandfather; Tom Crowell,(McM),engagement; Stacy Gonzalez, (McM), birth of son; Guy Peluso, (LHS),death of mother; Sue Parashis,(LHS), death of mother-in-law; Ann Euell,(Soehl), death of father.

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 #6 OR USE THE LINDEN SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS TO CONTACT CINDY APALINSKI

IV. Treasurer's Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 91,739.54	Luncheon:	\$ 511.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 7662.39	Money Market:	\$ 17,313.90

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: The meeting to be held on March 14, 2007 was canceled by the BOE. The new members to the Negotiating team are; Mr. Nigro and Mr. Motley. We are waiting for new dates from the BOE. The LEA team will meet on 3/26/07.

Ed Mack - Custodian/Maintenance: Committee will meet with the Uniserv Rep on 4/19/07.

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.

As of 2/28/07 the membership total is as follows; Teachers/Sec. (645), Full-Time Paras (74), Part-time

(93), Custodial/Maint.(73).

- C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel* – Minutes of the 3/15/07 UCEA/LAT meeting were distributed to the Reps. Copies to be given to the membership/
- 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* – No new grievances have been filed. Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – May 4, 2007 will be the LEA Spring Party at “The Cup”. Raffle Baskets will be encouraged from each building.
- G. Superintendent’s Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Please send concerns to JoAnn at LHS. Minutes from the 2/22/07 meeting will be sent to the buildings.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School One. The Gran Centurion and the Westwood have been considered. A committee has been formed. A date will be established once the final day of the school year is determined by Mr. Martino.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Committee has been formed. Deadline is 4/4/07.
- J. LPDC:** Committee is working on PD, Chairperson is to be named. Dr. Tomazic is coordinating the committee in the meantime.
- 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 be found on site.
- L. Nominations :** *Len Sobel* – Any member interested in being an LEA officer is to contact Len at 486-3768 (McManus guidance).

OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Member Email List – Email lists have been forwarded from the following buildings; #1,2,4,5,6,9,10,PPS,ScienceResource, Soehl and McManus
- B.** Linden Pension Workshop – The workshop will take place on 5/10/07. A flyer will announce more info.
- C.** Calendar 2007-08 – Form (A) was selected by the BOE.
- D.** Building Maintenance forms – All concerns are to submitted on the correct form. Please continue to send them to Cindy.
- E.** Project Special – A letter was sent to Mr. Martino in regards to “Project Special” with the request of having comprehensive training for the special education teacher members.
- F.** Spring Party – 5/4/07 – at **The Cup** – (3:30 – 6) – flyers to come out after the Spring Break.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Kevin LaMastra- Dominican Republican Trip – Kevin gave a detailed video presentation of the trip. Any member interested in the trip may contact Kevin at Soehl.
- B.** Linden BOE Meeting – Meeting held on 2/21/07. Report given by Cindy.
- C.** UCEA Legislative Reception – 3/21/07 – at The Westwood . Several members will attend.
- D.** BOE Elections – April 17, 2007 – Cindy gave “Election “ packets to each building which included upcoming important dates, absentee ballots, voter registration and information for schools that will have activities on 4/17/07. Schools can be reimbursed up to \$100 for refreshments at their activity.
- E.** Custodian/maintenance Comp. Day – Members are entitled to one comp day due to Lincoln’s Birthday falling on 2/12/07.
- F.** Paraprofessional Day Off – 5/23/07 – Full Time Paras have 5/23/07 off which is a Professional Day for staff members.

Meeting Adjourned 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck