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Representative Council Minutes

March 24, 2009

I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM: The following units were represented: # 1,2,4,6, 8,9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, LAST, Field House, PPS, SP.Subjects, Adm.Bldg.

Absent from the meeting: Media/IT, Science Res.Ctr.

A. Introduction of Buddies: The following Buddies and Reps were present: Carol Dinis and Rep Ginny Sleiger (#6); Brian Martinson and Rep Ron Bornstad,(Maint.); and Cheryl Walter and Rep Joann Hamilton (LHS). Brian and Ron won the gift certificates to Barnes and Noble.

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 3/24/09
2. LEA Minutes of February 19, 2008
3. 10 month/12 month 2009-2010 School Calendar
4. Announcement – Internet Use and filter Reports from Dr. Tomazic
5. Letter to Dr. Tomazic from LEA as to our choice of calendar for 2009-10 school year
6. UCEA Report from Len Sobel

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of February 19, 2009 with a second by Fran Pszenica. Council passed the motion.

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

The following cards were received: A Thank You card from the Ratyniak and Radie Family; A Thank You card from the Kolesa family; A letter of thanks to the LEA Philanthropic Fund from the National Junior Honor Society of Soehl Middle School for the donation towards the purchase of supplies for our troops. The following cards have been sent: Julia Lynch,(Soehl),birth of twin girls; Beth Schwartz,(Soehl), death of step-son; Tracie Chapman,(Soehl), death of sister-in-law; Zofia Rogowski,(Soehl),birth of daughter; Jackie Salmon,(#10),surgery; Judy Holland,(#8), death of cousin; Marie Etienne,(#9), death of aunt; Kathy Williams,(#9), death of uncle; Rob Zagari,(LHS), birth os son; Tom Donachy,(LHS), death of grandmother; Marie Henry,(LHS), illness; Mae Hauser,(#10), death of husband; JoAnne Demkowicz ,(#5), marriage; Tracie Chapman,(Soehl), death of father-in-law; Gene Chapman,(Soehl), death of father; Jackie Kurzweil,(#5), death of aunt; Jack Byrne,(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.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL #6 OR

USE THE LINDEN SCHOOL(k.12) EMAIL TO CONTACT CINDY APALINSKI

(IT WILL BE DELETED)

IV. Treasurer's Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 80,325.61	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 4667.44 *	Money Market:	\$ 37,457.35

* \$218.00 a month from payroll deductions

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Surveys for LEA positions will be distributed. Those interested in any of the committees should fill out forms and return them to their Reps.

Teachers/Sec/Paras: Current contract ends 6/30/2010. Send concerns for next contract to Rich Sullivan at McManus.

Robert Kratzer- Custodian/Maintenance – Anyone who has not received one, must call Cindy.

B. Membership: Betty Ogureck – Continue to sign new employees. Please notify Betty when there is a name ,address or phone change.

C. Legislative/UCEA: Len Sobel – UCEA report was given to all Reps along with info from the County in regards to LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM; NJ Family CARE health

coverage; NJ HELPS org; and workshops on Special Education, Pensions, ADHD, and Employee discipline. See your reps for dates. Members are needed for the LAT committee. Anyone interested is to contact Len at McManus.

D. Newsletter: *Joanne Ferrara*- Joanne reminded all that articles Assn. related will be accepted for the Newsletter. A committee to help Joanne is still being recruited.

E. Grievances: *Cindy Apalinski* - #9(07-08), investigating long standing practice of accumulating sick time and family leave then applied, ie: sick leave then family leave. Papers have been exchanged between BOE and LEA attorneys. It is now at PERC with a refusal to bargain. #10(07-08); withholding increment. Level III denied by BOE, at Level IV – awaiting a PERC decision. At this time no arbitration date. #1(08-09) improper salary at the Teacher/Sec/Parar unit, Supt.denied moved to Level IV. Arbitration date set for 6/15/09. #2 (08-09) improper suspension of cust/maint unit, moved to Level IV and waiting for an arbitration date. Date set for (5/4/09); #4(08-09) Maint/cust unit – improper termination of an employee, Board level meeting on 3/10/09. An agreement was reached by both parties. #5 (08-09), improper overtime disbursement in the Cust/Maint department at Level II as of 3/20/09.

Reminder to all members that there is a 15 day time limit to submit a grievance.

F. Philanthropic: *Kelly Koziol* – There is an increase of \$214.50 per month in respect to new payroll deductions. Applications are still being accepted. Please send entire application to Kelly at the Field House.

G. Superintendent's Liaison: *JoAnn Hamilton* – JoAnn has received some responses for the next meeting. When mentioning a work order, please include the # of the work order.

H. LEA Retirement Luncheon: Hosted by School # 4. The luncheon will take place at the Colonia Country Club.

I. Scholarships: *Margaret Novalany* – Applications must be submitted to Margaret by April 8.

J. LPDC: Roger Murphy – Roger met with the LEA Executive Committee to update members of the LPDC.

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.

L. Social: *Mary C. Williams* – Mary looking for a committee – please contact her at #2.

M. Nominations: *Len Sobel* – Anyone wishing to be nominated for any of the Executive positions is to send their name to Len at McManus.

VI. Old Business

A. Annual Teaching and Learning Symposium – www.thirteencelebration.org

B. Upcoming LEA Dates - BOARD ELECTION – APRIL 21 – VOTE!

C. Board Elections / Budget Vote – Lawn Signs are available for Linden residents. Buttons are also available. All members MUST be registered to VOTE!! An absentee ballot can be used by anyone. Schools will be reimbursed \$100 for refreshments provided , if an activity provided on the day of the election. A receipt must be turned in on the Monday before elections or by Wednesday after at the latest.

D. Spring Party – May 8,2009 – more info at April meeting. A motion was made that the \$10 collected for the party be given directly to the Philanthropic Fund, a second was given by Tanya Martin-Cooper. Vote was taken - all voted yes.

E. UCEA Legislative Reception – March 25, 2009 – Report next month

F. 2009 -2010 School Calendar – The vote was Option A - 385;Option B -123 and Option C-67

VII. New Business

A. Linden BOE Meeting – reported by Cindy.

B. BOE Elections - April 21,2009

C. LEA Office Computer – Cindy mentioned that the laptop is 5 years old and runs slow. She will research info on a new one and present that to Rep Council at the April meeting.

D. Social Committee Stipend – Discussion was held as to a stipend to the Chairperson of the Social Committee. A suggested number was \$500. A vote will take place at the April meeting.

E. Pride Projects/Banners – Banners are available for any building having an event on April 21.

Meeting Adjourned 5:42PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck