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**Representative Council Minutes**

**March 18, 2010**

**I. Call to Order at 3:50 PM:** The following units were represented: # 1,2,4,5,6, 8,9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, LAST, Field House, PPS, Sp. Subjects, Maint. Those absent were: Media/IT, and Science Res. Ctr.

**A. Introduction of Buddies:** JoAnn Peterson-Tyler (#1), with Rep Maria Pizzelli; Nicole Fulton (PPS), with Rep Tamarra Fernandez and Jan Flanagan (McM), with Rep Joanne DeNunzio. JoAnn Peterson-Tyler and Joanne DeNunzio received the gift certificates to Barnes and Noble.

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

1. LEA minutes of February 18, 2010
2. LEA Agenda for March 18, 2010
3. Email from Dr. Tomazic – stating staff should not discuss voting “Yes” or “No” with students for the upcoming Budget voting.
4. Direct Quote from Governor Christie’s speech and who we can contact in regards to speech.
5. Letter from Kelly Koziol, Chairperson for the LEA Philanthropic Fund, to all LEA members in regards to donating to the “Paul Blue Memorial Scholarship”.
6. NJEA Discount tickets available for the NJ Devils vs. Buffalo Sabres – 4/11/10

**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 February 18, 2010 with a second by Jeff Raiffe. Council passed the motion.

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

The following cards/letters were received: A thank you card from the Robert Lyzczasz and family; A thank you from Dr. Tomazic and wife. The following cards were sent: Vito Chiavizzo,(LHS), death of uncle; Vera Krsege,(#4), birth of grandson; Donna Prohammer,(#6), death of father; Audra Mastriano,(McM),birth of daughter; Inez Andreola,(#9), death of uncle; Bill Mastriano,(#5), birth of daughter; Jackie Kurzweil,(#5), death of niece; Robert Birch,(#2&#1),marriage; Dawn Ortiz,(#2), death of uncle; Howard Schulz,(#2), death of aunt; Nanci Garafola,(#2),engagement; Karen Wisnowski,(F#10),death of mother-in-law; Sue DeSanto,(#10), knee surgery; Tracie Chapman,(Soehl),death of sister-in-law; Eugene Chapman,(Soehl),death of sister-in-law; Sandra Dixon,(Soehl), death of uncle; Wanda Wilson,(Soehl),death of uncle; April Knight,(Soehl), death of aunt; Roxanne Abalos,(LHS),engagement.

**Correspondence via US MAIL to the LEA at P.O.Box 3085, NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.**

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL #6 & DO NOT USE (k.12) EMAIL TO CONTACT CINDY APALINSKI (IT WILL BE DELETED)**

**IV. Treasurer’s Report: Sally Stevens**

**A. Current Balances**

Checking:	\$ 70,340.11	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 4079.71	Money Market:	\$ 62,527.61

**V. Standing Committees:**

**A. Negotiations:** Greg Grasso: Teachers/Sec/Paras/Crisis Intervention/District Security: Current contract ends 6/30/2010. Send concerns for next contract to Greg Grasso at the High School, or [gregory.grasso@yahoo.com](mailto:gregory.grasso@yahoo.com).

Prescription reimbursement issues need to be completed. Update at next Rep Council.

Any member wishing to waive Health Insurance Rights are to send form to Ann Toporowski (Payroll) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Robert Kratzer- Custodian/Maintenance – Send concerns to Bob at the Field House.

**Do not email using K12!**

**B. Membership:** Betty Ogureck – Reminded to sign all **NEW** employees, please check with building secretary for new hires. Calendars for all members are available, contact Betty.

**C. Legislative/UCEA:** Len Sobel – Pension issues addressed. Urge all members to CALL Legislators.

**D. Newsletter:** Jim Topoleski – Jim may be contacted at [lindenedassnnews@gmail.com](mailto:lindenedassnnews@gmail.com) .Send ideas 1.Educational 2. PD 3. Union related.

**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. Board filed with PERC (summary Judgement)meetings set for 10/20 and 10/21 have been cancelled by PERC until the summary judgement issue is decided. ;#2 (08-09) improper suspension of cust/maint unit,settled for ½ of the suspended days returned to the member;#6 (08-09) Teacher/para/sec unit at Level III, inconcern of improper payment in regards to COBRA,worker’s Comp. attorneys, cannot move forward , State to determine if workman’s comp;#2(09-10) At Level III, Bd hearing. #3 (09-10) Principal reprimanding employees at Level III- waiting for Board to supply possible dates to meet in April with them; #4(09-10) Level II – Supervisor improperly demanding an obituary or prayer card for a bereavement day- Waiting for Superintendent’s response.

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

**F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* –none

**G. Superintendent’s Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Committee has met, a date for the next meeting is to be set.

**H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School # 5.

**I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Information for scholarships has been distributed to all units, waiting for applications to b e returned.

**J. LPDC:** *Roger Murphy* – All Schools have completed first draft and are on track – must meet deadline. PIPs for the 2010-11 school year needs to be related to the building PD.

**K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens*- [www.lindenedassn.org](http://www.lindenedassn.org) Members are requested to use the **LEA Website** for **ALL Local, County and State** info. Many questions can be answered via the Website. Send ideas. The Contract Extension is now on the website.

**L. Social:** *Mary C. Williams*- The Spring Fling will be on May 7, 2010 and be at” The Cup”; Wine Tasting at Amici’s on 6/4/10 from 4-7:30 ,cost \$25.Bowling will be a definite for next year, will start mid-February.

**M. Nominations:** *Len Sobel* – Anyone interested in any of the 4 LEA Executive positions should contact Len at McManus.

## **VI. Old Business**

**A.** NJEA Legislative Conference – Report given by Cindy, over 600 in attendance.

**B. Spring Party-** 5/7/2010 at “The Cup”

**C.** Budget “Refreshments” - Any school hosting an event the day/night of the BOE elections is Eligible for up to \$100 of PRIDE money for refreshments for the parents in attendance.

## **VII. New Business**

**A. Mary Lou Tamason Mitchell, NJEA UniServ** – Mary Lou gave an update of the Assembly vote in regards to the pension. She reported on what can be done at the local level.

**B.** BOE Elections – Lawn Signs available – Get Out the Vote! Contact Dianna Dertinger at the Field House.

**C.** BOE March Meeting – Report given by Cindy, retirements mentioned.

**D.** NJ Devils tickets – tickets available through the NJEA.

**E.** Paul Blue Scholarship – Letter read from Kelly Koziol to all members to donate to the scholarship

**F.** Candidates Night – Either 4/13 or 4/14 at LHS.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15 PM  
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck