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Representative Council Minutes

May 17, 2007

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

**A. Introduction of Buddies:** None - Reps are encouraged to bring a "buddy".

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda -5/17/07
2. LEA Minutes of April 26, 2007 meeting
3. Letter to Mr. Martino in acceptance of employment
4. NJEA PAC letter
5. NJEA Race for a Cure - 10/14/07
6. PAC - Big Picture poster
7. NEA Member Care - Long-Term Insurance
8. LINCS Walk-A-Thon 6/1/07
9. LINCS - donation "Sneaker"
10. NJEA - Call to Congress
11. Summer Institute 2007
12. NJEA Jim George Collective Bargaining Summit - 10/13/07
13. UCEA Report - 5/15/07

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 April 26, 2007 with a second by Dorothy Hachey. Council passed the motion.

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

The following correspondence was received: A thank you letter was received from Mrs. Liz Black (LHS) for the LEA support of the Allen, Texas Project annual Pasta Dinner. A letter of thanks from Nancy Mahasky (Sec.) who attended a dinner given by the UCEA for Union County Secretaries. The following cards have been sent: Esther Paden,(LHS),death of aunt; Emery Muldrow,(LHS), death of uncle; Patty Zenchak,(LHS),death of aunt; Carrie Siano,(#4), birth of daughter; MaryAlice Topoleski,(#6),surgery; Mary Turbett,(LHS),death of mother; Nadrina Wesley,(LHS), death of uncle; Christine Ficarra,(#5),engagement; Susanna Larmore,(#5), death of father-in-law; Diane Affsa,(LHS), death of aunt; Michelle Dorney,(LHS), death of uncle; Emery Muldrow,(LHS),death of aunt; Jennifer Pekosz,(LHS), extended illness; Fran Berlinski,(LHS), extended illness;Meghann Hudak,(LHS), marriage; Robin Loiacono,(LHS),marriage; Gary Mazurek,(LHS), birth of daughter; Brooke Kirby,(Soehl),marriage; Enrica Mercorelli,(Soehl), illness; Karsten Niehues,(Soehl),death of aunt; Angela Principato,(Soehl),birth of child; Joe Marretta,(Soehl),death of uncle; Shirley Thomas,(Soehl),death of uncle; April Knight,(Soehl),illness;; Barbara Sorenson,(Soehl),death of aunt; Christine Tansey,(McM),death of aunt; Marc Devino,(McM), birth of daughter; Jennifer Pivano,(McM),surgery; Karsten Niehues,(McM),death of grandmother; Renata Marchesi,(Soehl), death of aunt; Michael Manning,(Soehl), injury; Chanta Babrow,(Soehl),death in the family.

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

**NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.**

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

**A. Current Balances**

Checking:	\$ 84,222.24	Luncheon:	\$ 511.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 9410.65	Money Market:	\$ 17,321.14

**V. Standing Committees:**

**A. Negotiations:**

*Rich Sullivan* - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Due to conflicts in everyone's calendars, meeting dates are difficult to set. Our team is ready to go. Proposals are ready.

*Ed Mack*- Custodian/Maintenance: A survey is to go out to the members of this unit.

**B. Membership:** *Betty Ogureck* –All members are reminded to inform Membership of any changes in name, address or phone numbers.

As of 5/30/07 the membership total is as follows; Teachers/Sec. (655), Full-Time Paras (73), Part-time (96), Custodial/Maint. (73). Total - 897

**C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel* – Report of the UCEA May 15 meeting was given.

**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* –Possible grievances at #2. Improper discipline of staff and improper assignment of a lunch duty. Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.

**F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – 50/50 was won by Anne Servey (#9).

**G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Please send concerns to JoAnn at LHS . The committee would like to have one more meeting before the end of the school year.

**H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School One. 6/19/07 at The Westwood in Garwood.

**I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – The eight winners will be announced at the Awards Night at the High School.

**J. LPDC:** The committee will be co-chaired by Ewa Usowicz (#8) and Michael D'Amato (Soehl). Any member wishing to be on the committee is to contact Cindy.

**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.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Spring Party – May 4, 2007 at **THE CUP** – 140 were in attendance. A possible Oktoberfest in the fall .

**B.** LEA/LINCS WALKATHON – June 1, 2007 – All members are encouraged to attend and donate their time, food and dollars to this event.

**C.** Summer Leadership Conference – Any member interested, please contact Cindy.

**D.** Non-Tenured Terminations – Letter of employment acceptance must be sent by 5/31/07.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Linden BOE Meeting – Report given by Cindy.

**B.** 2007 Collective Bargaining Summit – Refer to flyer

**C. Open Enrollment-Health Benefit Changes** – Members are to call payroll to set up an appointment by 6/30 to go into effect on 7/1.

**D.** LEA Race for a Cure – Pink flyer – 10/14/07

**E.** Summer Pay Option – forms will be distributed at June's meeting.

**F.** NJEA Primetime for PAC – NJEA is campaigning for funds to support candidates.

Meeting Adjourned 5:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth A. Ogureck