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Representative Council Minutes

May 13, 2010

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

Those absent were: Admin., Field House,

A. Introduction of Buddies: Mary Ann Doney,(#2)with Mary C Williams; Stephanie Hachey and Amy Maloney(#1)with Maria Pizzelli;Brian Martinson (Maint.) with Ron Bornstad; Jeanne Moss,(PPS) with Judy Winter; Stephanie Sternefeld(PPS) with Tamarra Fernandez; MaryAnn Rosivack(PPS) with Jeff Raiffe; Ann Gilson(PPS) with Loretta Hardy; Any Grygo, Dee Maresco, Gary Mazurek, Susan Smith, William Aman, David Walker, Alana Palumbo (LHS), with Greg Grasso. Mary C. Williams and Mary Ann Doney were the winners of the gift certificates to Barnes and Noble.

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

1. LEA minutes of April 15, 2010
2. LEA Agenda for May13, 2010
3. Sample letter for non-renewal/Donaldson hearing
4. Retirement Luncheon permission letter to Dr. Tomazic
5. May 22, 2010 Rally info for transportation
6. LINC'S flyer info/donation sneakers
7. Letter from Steve Wollmer – Director of Communications NJEA
8. LEA committee Survey Form for review only

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 April 15, 2010 with a second by Mickie Hamilton. Council passed the motion.

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

The following cards/letters were received: A thank you from Russell Krus as he recovers. A thank you from Irene Gatoulis for our words of sympathy. A thank you from Dona Preston , Principal of #1 for the LEA magnets given to students during their Science Fair. The following cards were sent: Sandra Dixon,(Soehl), death of aunt; Kim McDonald,(Soehl), death of grandmother; Wanda Wilson,(Soehl),death of aunt; Kim Cifello,(#1)marriage; Lindsey Mottley,(#1) illness; Connie Getchies(#9),death of aunt; Rosa Kolibas,(McM),birth of daughter; Diana Diem,(#2),death of aunt; Dawn Ortiz,(#2),death of aunt; Cara O'Donnel,(#6),birth of daughter; Krystyna Kowalewski,(#6),surgery.

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:	\$ 79,011.86	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 4085.11	Money Market:	\$ 62,570.60

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. Input Needed!

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 5th of the month.

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

Do not email using K12!

B. Membership: Betty Ogureck – Thank you for your assistance during the year.

C. Legislative/UCEA: Len Sobel –May 12, 2010, Legislative Dinner, over 500 members attended. Edie

Fulton past NJEA President was present along with Legislators Kean, Branminck, Munoz, Green.

- D. Newsletter:** *Jim Topoleski* – Jim may be contacted at lindenedassnnews@gmail.com .Send ideas
1.Educational 2. PD 3. Union related. Articles needed.
- 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. No movement. ; #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 No word;#2(09-10) At Level III, Bd hearing, no date. #3 (09-10) Principal reprimanding employees at Level III to meet with BOE, on June 14; #4(09-10) Level II – improper demand by the Superintendent of an obituary or prayer card for a bereavement day, appointment, 4-19-10.#5(09-10) Improper use of a teacher faculty room.
- Reminder to all members that there is a 15 day time limit to submit a grievance.**
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – Paul Blue Scholarship –thank you to all who have donated a \$500 scholarship was awarded. LINC'S walk-a-thon will have water available .
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Committee has met, a date for the next meeting is to be set. Do not FAX info to JoAnn at the guidance dept.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School # 5. Amici's 1:30 PM.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Winners will be announced at the LHS Awards Night.
- 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. District plan has been submitted to the county. **4 terms are expiring , anyone interested in the committee please contact Roger at LAST.** County will look at plans on June 17.
- K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens*- 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. LEA now has a Twitter account.
- L. Social:** *Mary C. Williams*- Spring Fling was great, baskets were a hit. June 4, 2010 Wine Tasting, contact Mary. Bowling League dinner on June 16. Retirement Luncheon on June 22. Contact Mary with any ideas for future events.

VI. Old Business

- A. Spring Party- 5/7/2010 at "The Cup"- report given.
- B. Summer Leadership conference – Contact Cindy
- C. Non-tenured Non-Renewals – must be told by 5/15/2010. Those interested in filing for a Donaldson Hearing must contact Cindy.
- D. BOE Budget – Discussion was held as to what are the results of the Budget Vote.All are asked to attend Budget meeting on Monday 5/17 at 8PM at the City Hall. There will be a BOE meeting on 5/18 at 6:30 PM at the Administration Bldg.
- E. UCEA Legislative Reception – Report given.

VII. New Business

- A. BOE Meeting – Report given by Cindy.
- B. Executive Position – 2nd Vice President – Term to run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and then expire. A motion was made by Cindy for an additional position to be added to Executive Council as a 2nd Vice President. The duties will mirror the vice President position. A second was given by James Topoleski. Discussion was held. The motion was passed. Len Sobel is the Nominations Chairperson. All interested are to contact Len.
- C. Rally for Families and Communities – May, 22 – Trenton
- D. Stand Up for Education - Union County – June 2, 2010 – Rally will be held at the office of Nick Scutari.
- E. Changing Jobs: Next Step wkshp LEA office on June 8,2010 with Mary Lou Mitchell
- F. RTTT – Linden BOE to be involved – check NJEA website for info
- G. Summer Hours – Affecting 12 month employees – please see building Reps for info.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck