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Representative Council Minutes

May 18, 2006

**I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM:** The following units were represented: # 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, Field House, and PPS. Absent from meeting: LAST, Adm., Media/IT, Maintenance and Special Subjects.

**A. Introduction of Buddies:**

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 5/18/06
2. LEA Minutes of April 27, 2006 meeting
3. LEA Committee Survey Form
4. Summer Payroll Deduction Form

**ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO IS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING**

**II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Joanne Ferrara to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of April 27, 2006 with a second by Jeff Raiffe. Council passed the motion.

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

The following card was received: A thank you from the family of Sandra Dixon. The following cards have been sent: Fran Czylek, (#10), death of uncle; Lisa Venditto, (#10), death in family; Yelena Horre, (#6), illness; Carrie Higgins Siano, (#4), marriage; Andrea Gall, (McM), birth of son; Jamie Borys, (#4), birth of daughter; Mary Ann Grieco, (Soehl), death of uncle; Joanne Ferrara, (McM), death of aunt; Diane Serson, (LHS), death of sister-in-law; Kristen Fuller, (LHS), death of grandmother; William Degnan, (LHS), death of mother-in-law; Fran Gallicchio, (Soehl), engagement; Ron Rodriguez, (Soehl), death of father; Pat Conway, (#10), death of mother-in-law.

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

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

**A. Current Balances**

Checking:	\$90,500.41	Luncheon:	\$ 807.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 9,015.65	Money Market:	\$ 17,277.60

**V. Standing Committees:**

**A. Negotiations:**

*Rich Sullivan* - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Members are reminded that 2006-07 is the last year of the present 3 year contract. Members are reminded to become an active part of the membership and volunteer for the various committees that are offered. Negotiations will be tedious and MEMBER support is essential.

*Tom Monaco* - Custodian/Maintenance: Members are reminded to read/check contract.

*Liz James* - Crisis Intervention/District Security: First meeting will take place on 5/25/06 at 4:30.

**B. Membership: Betty Ogureck** – As of 4/30/06 there are 70 Cust/ Maint, 87 Part/time Paras, 77 Full/time Paras and 645 Teacher/Sec.

Members are asked to contact Betty with a Name, Address or Phone change. Thank You

**Reps are reminded to sign all new employees.**

**C. Legislative/UCEA: Len Sobel**- 1.UCEA dues for the 2006-07 year will remain the same. 2. UCEA Newsletter will have new trips listed for the 06-07 year. Flyers will be sent to building reps or call the UCEA office. 3. A retirement Benefits meeting will be held on 5/30/06 at 4 PM at The Westwood –Garwood.

**D. Newsletter: Joanne Ferrara**– 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* - #1 (05-06) has an arbitration date of 5/31/06. Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – The Spring Party 50/50 winner, Dena Macchiarelli graciously donated her winnings to Jules Pandolfi for legal matters.
- G. Superintendent’s Liaison:** *Maria Pizzelli*–Please send all concerns to Maria (#2). The member’s name is to be on the concern, held in confidence. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2006.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by the High School – June 19, 2006. Three sites are being considered; The Westwood in Garwood, The Galloping Hill Inn in Union and L’Affaire in Mountainside.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Scholarship recipients will be announced at the High School Awards Night.
- J. LPDC:** *Jo Ann Hamilton* – May 24, 2006 will be the last In-Service Day for the year. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is to contact Cindy. An election will take place for the 2 open seats.
- 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.
- L. Nominations:** Len Sobel – Len presented the following slate of officers for the 2006-07 school year. Elizabeth A. Ogureck (Sec.) one vote cast by Maria Pizzelli, second by Jeff Raiffe; Sally Stevens (Treas.) one vote cast by Elizabeth Ogureck, second by Ginny Sleiger; Dianna Dertinger,(Vice Pres.) one vote cast by Ginny Sleiger, second by Jeff Raiffe; and Cindy Apalinski,(President) one vote cast by Maria Pizzelli, second by Ginny Sleiger. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was voted in as presented.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Spring Party – May 5, 2006 was a huge success with the “Baskets” being the high point of the party. Thanks to ALL.
- B.** Bally’s – Membership is still open until June 15, 2006. It will reopen in September.
- C.** LEA/LINCS Walkathon – June 2, 2006 / 9AM to 6PM at Wilson Park. See flyer for details.
- D.** LPDC Nominations – Anyone interested is to contact Cindy.
- E.** Summer Leadership Conference – Cindy has the information. Anyone interested in attending, the LEA will provide the cost.
- F.** Non-Tenured Terminations – Members terminated were to follow the Non-Tenure Teaching Staff member Non-Renewal Procedures, which was provided for members. Any further questions, please contact Cindy.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Linden BOE Meeting –No meeting. Next meeting will be June 21, 2006
- B.** LEA Survey – Members wishing to serve on committees are asked to complete the survey. Reps must return a completed survey.
- C.** Summer Pay – Members wishing to have 10% of their pay held in a non-interest account for the summer must complete the form and return it to Payroll by August 1, 2006. Members **MUST** complete a form every year.
- D.** Paul Blue – A Memorial for Paul Blue who passed away on April 21, 2006 is in the planning stages headed by Beverly Poskay.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50PM  
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck