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Representative Council Minutes

September 15, 2005

**I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM:** The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,10, McM, Soehl, LHS, Special Subjects, Maint and PPS.

**A. Introduction of Buddies: None**

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

1. Copy of LEA Rep Council Minutes (June 16, 2005)
2. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 9/15/05
3. How to Resolve Health Insurance Problems
4. LEA responding to Hurricane Katrina –
5. LEA Calendar September-December 2005
6. LEA Distribution count 2005-2006
7. Voter registration info
8. Health & Safety Conference 10/22/05 – Hilton, East Brunswick,NJ
9. Political Action – volunteer for 3 hours 10/31, 11/1 – 11/8/05 UCEA
10. NJEA website –www.njea.org – Save \$\$ and Win Prizes
11. New Employee Dinner Workshop – 10/5/05

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

**II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Kathy Burns to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of June 16, 2005 with a second by Mickie Hamilton. Council passed the motion.

**III. Correspondence:** *Please send all correspondence to Betty Ogureck at Soehl 486-0550 or 486- 7799.* Email address ([bettyo47@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyo47@yahoo.com)) The following cards were received: A Thank You from Barbara Busch; a Thank You from student Kareem Absola for his scholarship; a Thank You from Barbara Zagier , Madelyn Young ,Peg Kegley and Sandra Wunder for their retirement gifts; A letter of Thanks from the LHS PTA for our support for “Project Graduation”; a Thank You note from Patricia Kowalski for good wishes on recent marriage. The following cards have been sent: Barbara Kolesa,(McM), death of brother; Christine Tansey,(McM), birth of daughter; Jennifer Colella,(McM), death of grandmother; Jeanette Beneford,(McM), death; Kristyn Turturro,(McM), birth of daughter; Cherie Zimmerman,(LHS), death of grandfather; Mark Pekozi,(LHS), death of uncle; Mark Pekozi,(LHS), engagement; Jennifer Sisco,(LHS),engagement; Zofia Rogowski,(Soehl),birth of son; Joanne DiPaola –Rinaldi,(Soehl), birth of daughter; Diane Affsa,(Soehl), death of aunt; Rose Luminello,(McM), death of mother; Karen Russ,(McM), death of grandfather; Caaren Loalbo,(Soehl), death of grandfather; John McCray,(Soehl), illness; Cara Urbanski (#6), engagement; Yelena Horre,(#6), death in family; Lauren Schreck-Ioviero,(#6), marriage; Danielle Maccia,(#5), marriage; Michele Hewson,(LHS), engagement; Karen Toy,(LHS), engagement; Nancy Gavan,(LHS), illness; Barbara Brady,(LHS), birth of child; Jennifer Wilson,(#1), death of grandmother; Sabina Garbowski,(#1), engagement; Danielle Lorenzetti,(#6), birth of son.

**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: Judy Vacca**

**A. Current Balances**

Checking:	\$77,523.69	Luncheon:	\$ 807.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 8345.79	Money Market:	\$ 17,249.29

**V. Standing Committees:**

**A. Negotiations:**

*Rich Sullivan* - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Guy Peluso has resigned and Rich Sullivan has been appointed as his replacement.

*Tom Monaco* - Custodian/Maintenance: Contracts have been distributed.

**C. Membership:** *Betty Ogureck* –Members are reminded to inform Membership with a change

of name, address or phone number. Reps were given membership info as to correcting building rosters and getting applications in before the Rep Fee deadline of 10/14/05. Employees that do not join the Associations will become Rep Fee members. Up to 85% of the total cost of membership will be deducted between Feb. and June. NJEA calendars will be distributed over the next few weeks. All new members will receive temporary NJEA cards via their email if they submitted one on their membership form. New members going to the convention and do not have a temp card must take their copy of their membership application to be admitted. Dues deductions will begin when Trenton has processed the application.

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

**D. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel*– A copy of the 9/13/05 UCEA meeting minutes were distributed to Reps. Topics mentioned were: Jon Corzine has been endorsed by the NJEA; Members asked to volunteer 3 hours for the election at UCEA office; Hurricane Katrina –UCEA would like school donations for the children; UCEA reception at the convention –11/10 at the Sheraton; UCEA PAC fund raiser-2005 white House Ornaments; possibility of BJ's offering a membership to teachers; Classroom doors are NOT fire doors.

**E. Newsletter:** *Joanne Ferrara*– The Newsletter will be out in October. Anyone with Association based items are asked to forward them to Joanne at McManus.

**F. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* #1(04/05) in regards to the Teacher/Sec/Para unit –has an arbitration date of 11/29/05 , #4(04/05) Improper procedure used by a Supervisor in an evaluation has been settled; #5 (04-05) Suspension of an employee without pay has moved to Level IV with an arbitration date of 11/30/05..

Elementary teachers are reminded that Common Planning time is not to be used during PREP time. Please call Cindy with any problems.

**G. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol*- Flyers were distributed in concern of Hurricane Katrina. The LEA Philanthropic Fund will send donations to the American Red Cross.

**H. Superintendent's Liaison:** *Maria Pizzelli*–All concerns are to be sent to Maria (#2).The committee is being formed and meeting dates established for the first meeting of the school year.

**I. LEA Luncheon:** High School – The High School will host the Luncheon this year.

**J. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Scholarship winners are sending in their transcripts and monies are being sent to them.

**K. LPDC:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Election Day program is being finalized.

**L. 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.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Student Planners – Reps are to ask the building Secretary for the invoice for the Planner that were sent to their building and forward it to Cindy at School 6.

**B.** “How to Resolve A Health Insurance Problem”- Flyers stating the procedure to be used have been distributed to all buildings.

**C.** Posting Captains – Each building will have a Rep be designated as Posting Captain. This person will post all new positions for the building.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Linden BOE Meeting – September 21, 2005

**B.** New Member Workshop (RSVP 486-7799) by 9/30/05

**C.** Building Liaison – Each building is to call in to the office the name of the Liaison Committee chairperson . Meetings are to be held once a month with the minutes of the meeting forwarded to Cindy.

**D.** UCEA Fall Focus – Tuesday 9/27/05 – Dinner /Meeting held at the Westwood in Garwood.

**E.** Distribution Count – Please inform Cindy of the EXACT count of members for your building.

**F.** Membership List- Deadline for applications is 10/14/05. New employees who have not joined the Associations will have up to 85 % of their total dues deducted.

**G.** Prudential Disability Insurance – There will be Open Enrollment during the months of Oct./Nov. during faculty meetings. New hires can sign within 120 days of being hired.

**H.** Transcripts – Mr. Martino has given a FINAL deadline of 10/11 for members who still need to submit official transcripts. Checks will be distributed in November. Members must meet the deadlines for reimbursement.

Meeting Adjourned 5:25 PM  
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck