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**Representative Council Minutes**

**September 20, 2007**

**I. Call to Order at 3:54 PM:** The following units were represented: # 1,2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, Soehl, LHS, LAST, Adm, PPS, Sp. Subjects, Maint.and Science Res.Ctr.

Absent from the meeting: Media/IT.

**A. Introduction of Buddies:** None/Members are encouraged to attend as a "Buddy"

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

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda -9/20/07
2. LEA Minutes of June 14, 2007
3. LEA Calendar - September -December 2007
4. UCEA Meeting Minutes and flyers 9/11/07
5. Negotiations Update
6. EMAIL address form
7. Maintenance/Custodial Calendar 2007-2008
8. Linden Bd of Ed - Insurance Carrier Information
9. Teacher raises - newspaper article
10. UCEA PD Workshop dates/dates on UCEA Pocket Calendar are incorrect
11. NJEA Conferences 2007-2008

**ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING**

**II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Karen Seaman to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of June 14, 2007 with a second by Mickie Hamilton. Council passed the motion.

**III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) [bettvo47@yahoo.com](mailto:bettvo47@yahoo.com)**

A letter of thanks for our support was received from Project Graduation 2007; A thank you card from retiree Liz Black for the gifts she received at the Luncheon; a card of thanks for our expression of sympathy from Cristina Alvarez;and a thank you note from retiree Irene Mimnaugh.The following cards have been sent: Renata Marchesi,(Soehl),birth of son; Cara Rachinsky,(McM),marriage; Casey Palmieri,(McM),marriage; Shaliek Moore,(LHS),death of grandparent; Mark Kohut,(#1,#2)marriage, Matthew and Jennifer Lorenzetti,(LHS), birth of son; Kim-Marie Kefalas,(#10),birth of son; Cindy Slotnick,(#9,#8),surgery; Kathy Burke,(#8),marriage; Amy Vaniska,(#6),marriage; Jean Callahan,(#6), death of father; Nicole Szczesny,(McM),birth of daughter; Jolanta Rudnicka,(PPS),death of brother; Kim Amon,(#8),engagement;Laura Simone,(#8),engagement;Jen Kostrey,(#6), marriage; Meagan Downes,(#6), birth of a child; Ted Ragavas,(Media/IT),engagement; Wayne Happel,(McM),engagement; Dena Maccierelli,(McM),surgery; Janice Tyburczy,(McM),extended illness; Fran Figaro,(#9), marriage; Merideth Delapa,(#9),marriage; Jennifer Detrollo-Jones,(#9),birth of daughter; Donna Maddelena,(#9),injury; Rosemarie Scamardella,(#9),birth of granddaughter; Joyce Rogowski,(#5),death of family member; Leighton Sams,(#5), death of uncle; Mary Christie Williams,(#2), death of aunt; Margaret Zucosky,(#1), death of father-in-law; Alicia Ribeca,(McM),death of grandmother; Donna Oktem,(Soehl),death of step-father; Michael White,(Soehl), death of aunt; Ann Euell,(Soehl),death of aunt; Christine Herbert,(#9), illness; Louise Paffrath,(#9), birth of granddaughter; Josephine Roy,(#9), illness; Holly Andersen,(#9), death of uncle; Beth Ross,(Soehl),death of uncle; Ellen DuBow,(#6),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.**

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL #6 OR USE THE LINDEN SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS TO CONTACT CINDY APALINSKI**

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

**A. Current Balances**

Checking:	\$ 85,833.54	Luncheon:	\$ 244.41
Philanthropic:	\$ 8,186.55	Money Market:	\$ 17,335.74

**V. Standing Committees:**

**A. Negotiations:**

*Rich Sullivan* - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Negotiations Update flyer was sent to over 300 members via E-mail. The same flyer was sent to all members via mailboxes at individual buildings. The team will begin work preparing the salary guide. A full membership meeting will be announced when all is finalized.

*Ed Mack*- Custodian/Maintenance: The survey has been finalized and will go out to this unit on 10/1/07.

**B. Membership:** *Betty Ogureck* – New members have been submitting their applications. Those who chose not to join will become 85% members. The deadline is 10/15/07. Reps are reminded to correct the building roster and return it to Betty. A count of all units will be recorded in October.

**C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel* – Reminder to check the UCEA website for events. A copy of the UCEA 9/11/07 minutes were given to each Rep.

**D. Newsletter:** *Joanne Ferrara*- Permission has been granted for the Newsletter to be sent via the Linden email system. Anyone interested in helping Joanne, please contact her at McManus.

**E. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* – None at this time. Any concerns, please contact Cindy.

**F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – There will be a Fall Raffle. Gift cards will be the prize. All are reminded to donate to the Fund via payroll deduction.

**G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Send concerns to JoAnn at LHS. Concerns must be discussed at the building Liaison meetings first.

**H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School # 2

**I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – All Scholarships have been sent out to recipients.

**J. LPDC:** *Ewa Usowicz, Michael D'Amato, Maria Pizzelli,* and *Anthony Cartinella* have been approved by the Board. Committee will report in October.

**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.** LEA Survey-Volunteers for the committees are very appreciated!

**B.** LEA Race for a Cure – Oct.14, 2007 – Anyone interested, please contact Cindy.

**C.** Fall Focus – Tuesday - October 23, 2007

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**B.** Salaries – Pension contribution went from 5% to 5.5% as per Governor Corzine.

**C.** Deductions: TPCISH, PENSHO, PECISH, PERSHO – If deductions were taken out of your September paycheck, it is due to an audit of the Pension system and there was a shortfall with some employees. Some will have been over their deductions and that check will be sent to their homes. An explanation sheet will accompany the 9/30/07 checks.

**D.** Prudential Disability Insurance – Reps are to hand deliver information to new employees. They have 120 days from appointment to sign for the Insurance.

**E.** UCEA Workshops – Reps have been given a list of the workshops for the year. The workshops listed on the UCEA pocket calendar were incorrect. Please inform membership.

**F.** Email list for Association news – Forms have been distributed for members to update their address. Please see your Rep.

**G.** Office Update – Both suites have been furnished and painted. Technology equipment has been installed in both offices.

**H.** IEP/PPS meetings – The meetings are NOT to be held during your PREP. If this is the only time members are to complete a Prep Time form and be paid for that time. Meetings are NOT to be held during a lunch period.

Meeting Adjourned 5:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth A. Ogureck