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Representative Council Minutes

May 22, 2003

I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM: The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, Soehl, McM, LHS, Academy, Special Services, AA Field, Custodial, Maintenance, and Special Subject Teachers.

A. Introduction of Buddies: School #2 Rep Tanya Martin-Cooper introduced her Buddy Michele Panich. Both Tanya and Michele received NJEA Water Bottles.

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

1. Copy of LEA Rep Council Minutes – 4/16/03
2. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 5/22/03
3. LEA Committee Survey Form – submitted by 6/6/03
4. Summer Payment Deductions Form – Submitted to the Board by 8/1/03
5. LEA Notice - ParaProfessional needed to serve on the Negotiation Committee
6. NJEA Notice – Uproar for Fairness Rally – 5/31/03 – Trenton
7. NJEA URGENT Notice on The Budget Crunch
8. Sample e-mail letters to Assemblypersons and Senators in reference to A-3419 and S-2398 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS)
9. List of 108th Congress, U.S. Senators and U.S. Congresspersons

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of April 16, 2003 with a second by Morris Leone. Council passed motion.

III. Correspondence: Please send all correspondence to Betty Ogureck at Soehl 486-0550 or 486-7799. Email address (bettyo47@yahoo.com) The following correspondence was received; A thank you card from the family of Isaac Johnson. The following cards have been sent: Linda Drake, (Art #10+ #6), surgery; Catherine Ziets, (#8), birth of son; Beth Simonelli, (#5), death of cousin; Donna Popov, (#5), death of grandmother; Emily Paro, (#5), death of aunt; Bewilda Julius, (#5), death of uncle; Nicole Halkias, (#5), illness; Pat Seebergh, (SpServ), birth of grandchild; Elaine Pasola, (Soehl), surgery; Maria Monaco, (#1), marriage; Ellen Wilder, (LHS), death of uncle; Jo Ann Budnik, (Academy), death of uncle; Margaret Novalany, (#4), death of uncle; Danielle Lorenzetti, (#1), birth of son; Linda Drake, (#6 + #10), death of step-mother; Sue Hudak, (BOE President), birth of granddaughter; Tracey Williams, (Purchasing), death of uncle; Marjorie LaVista, (LHS), death of daughter; Antoinette Modrak, (LHS), death of sister; James Warner, (LHS), death of uncle; Robert Drake, (LHS), death of mother; Arnold Woulfin, (LHS), death in the family; David Tate, (custodian), death of member.

IV. Treasurer's Report: *Sally Stevens*

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 28,922.17	Luncheon:	\$ 265.00
Philanthropic:	\$ 3,653.87	Money Market:	\$ 7,163.18

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

1. *Cindy Apalinski*- Teachers/Secretaries/Paraprofessionals: The following members have been named to the Negotiating Committee: Richard Sullivan, Guy Peluso, Janet Drozdowski, Dianna Dertinger and Jennifer Mazzearella. A member of the Para-Professional unit is also needed on the committee. Anyone interested is to contact the LEA office.
2. *Tom Monaco* - Custodian/Maintenance: The following members have been named to the Negotiating Committee: Robert Kratzer, Ricardo Roman, William Staubach,

Edward Mack, and Donald Raulinavich.

3. The first meeting with MaryLou Mitchell (NJEA) will take place on 6/5/03.
- B. Membership:** *Betty Ogureck* – Please sign all NEW employees. Please check with building secretary for new additions to the staff. **Members are reminded to inform Membership with a change of name, address or phone number.**
- C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Nancy Garafola* - Flyers distributed. Nancy will have minutes distributed.
- D. Newsletter:** *Joanne Ferrara*- **Articles are needed! Please submit to Joanne at McManus (media).**
- E. Grievances:** *Jo Anne DiPaola* –There are no new grievances.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Virginia Milan* –**Reminder to join the WALKATHON on June 5, 2003 – Park across from the High School – Donation \$4(adult), \$1 (child) + can of food.** A Banner will be placed to announce the event. An AD will also be placed in THE SPECTATOR. NJEA Water Bottles will be given out to participants.
- G. Superintendent’s Liaison:** *Nancy Gavan* – Minutes of the last meeting for the year has been distributed.
- H. LEA Luncheon:** *Academy/LHS* – Diana Affsa – LEA Reps who have attended 6 or more monthly meetings will attend the luncheon for free. Those names have been given to Diana. Diana is asking the Reps to send a BIO of those who are retiring from their buildings to her ASAP. **PLEASE ADVERTISE THE LUNCHEON! NUNO’S JUNE 18 AT 1:30PM**
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* –Names of those receiving scholarships will be listed in the June minutes.
- J. LPDC:** *Joann Bolduc* –No report – Committee working on next year’s program.
- K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens* – No report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Non-tenured Terminations – There are several non-tenured members that will be meeting with the BOE in concern of their terminations.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Report from BOE – Cindy announced the retirement of several members and also new hires that will start in September.
- B.** Non-Tenures Renewed Letter of Acceptance – All Non-Tenured members that have not been RIFed are to send a letter of acceptance to Mr. Martino ASAP.
- C.** Classroom Close-Up – One of our LEA members Kathleen Williams has been interviewed and will be on the program.
- D.** Oxford Meeting- Next meeting will be on May 27, 2003 at the Special Services office at Sunnyside Library, 100 Edgewood Rd. (2:30-4:00).
- E.** UPROAR FOR FAIRNESS RALLY – May 31, 2003 – There is a bus available, anyone interested please call the LEA office.
- F.** New Dental Carrier – Horizon will be the new Dental Carrier as of 7/1/03. An information meeting is in place for June 17, 2003 at 2 PM at the High School.
- G.** June Rep Council Meeting – This will be a joint Exec/Rep Council Meeting on June 12. Refreshments will be served. JoAnne is asking Mr. Martino for permission to have a 2PM meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck