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Representative Council Minutes

March 16, 2006

I. Call to Order at 3:50 PM: The following units were represented: #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, McM, Soehl, and Special Subjects. Absent from meeting: LAST,LHS, Adm., Field House, PPS, Media/IT and Maintenance.

A. Introduction of Buddies: Frank Lysick and Rep Len Sobel (Soehl) and Lisa McCormick and Rep Michelle Kopec (#1). Frank and Michelle won gift certificates to Barnes and Noble.

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

1. Copy of LEA Rep Council Minutes (February 16, 2006)
2. LEA Rep Council Agenda -3/16/06
3. UCEA Meeting minutes of - March14, 2006
4. Flyer – Checklist for Calling DYFS
5. flyer – Absentee Ballot info

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO IS 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 February 16, 2006 with a second by Maria Pizzelli. 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) A note of thanks was received from Julian Krol in response to a sympathy card sent to the family. Cards were sent to the following members: Fran Gallicchio,(Soehl), death of father; Linda Spano,(McM), death of father; Nancy Corrodino,(#10), death of father; Josephine Roy,(#9), death of father-in-law; Esther Harris,(#9&6) injury-broken wrist; Christine Croteau,(#6), marriage; Beverly Poskay,(#6),death of uncle; Kim Hughes,(#6), surgery; Cindy Coler,(#5), death of aunt; Donna Weber,(#2), death of father; Tom Crowell,(McM),death of grandfather; Maria Gallo,(#8); Edie Boyd,(McM), death of mother-in-law; Jean Przytula,(UCEA-Sec), illness-heart attack; Robert Zagari,(LHS), death of grandmother; Belinda Pond,(LHS),death of aunt; Patriacia Zenchak,(LHS), death of uncle; Michelle Dorney,(LHS), death of grandmother; Sandra Dixon,(Soehl), death of brother; Glenda Lee,(#2), death of uncle; Donna Williams,(#2), death of uncle; Jeanette Angelin,(#2), surgery.

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:	\$79,779.27	Luncheon:	\$ 807.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 7267.96	Money Market:	\$ 17,270.68

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: Members are reminded to read/check current contract which is in the second year. In the 2006-07 school year the team will again visit schools for suggestions for the next negotiation year. No other report at this time.

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

Crisis Intervention/District Security: The LEA proposals are ready. We are waiting for dates to meet with the Board Attorney. The member sitting on this committee is Elizabeth James (Soehl) along with Cindy and Dianna. Any concerns from this unit is to contact Elizabeth or Cindy. A contract for this unit should be in place as of 2006-07.

B. Membership: *Betty Ogureck* – As of 3/02/06 there are 70 Cust/ Maint, 82 Part/time Paras, 80 Full/time Paras and 691 Teacher/Sec.

Reps are reminded to sign all new employees.

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Len Sobel*- The Legislative dinner will be held on 3/22/06 at the

Westwood in Garwood. Len also gave a report on the UCEA meeting. Minutes were given to the Reps.

- 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.
- E. Grievances:** Cindy Apalinski - #1 (05-06) as of 1/17/06 ,waiting for an arbitration date; #2(05-06) is at Level II .
Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* - Spring Raffle drawing will be held at the April Executive Council meeting.
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *Maria Pizzelli*–Please send all concerns to Maria (#2). The member's name is to be on the concern and is held in confidence. February 21, 2006 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for March 20, 2006.
- H. LEA Luncheon:** High School –A committee has been formed of the following members: Kim Casey, MaryAnn Hirsch, Maria Cacioppo, Nadriena Wesley and JoAnn Hamilton
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Applications were given to Reps with directions from Margaret. It is important that applicants adhere to the deadlines given. NO EXCEPTIONS. A committee of 5 members will be needed to read all applications. Anyone interested please contact Margaret (#4).
- J. LPDC:** *Jo Ann Hamilton* – Council was reminded that this is the end of the third term for both JoAnn Hamilton and Mickie Hamilton. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is to contact Cindy. An election will take place for the 2 open seats. Committee is planning for the next workshop which will be held in May.
- 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.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** BOE Elections – Members are reminded that elections take place during Spring Break April 18, 2006 and if needed absentee ballots should be used. The budget NEEDS to be voted in.
- B.** Spring Party – The LEA will have it's third Annual Spring Party on May 5, 2006 at The Cup, E. Elizabeth Ave. from 3:30-6 PM. All buildings are again asked to donate a theme basket for the raffle. Proceeds will go to the Philanthropic fund.
- C.** UCEA Legislative Reception – Reception will take place at the Westwood in Garwood on March 22, 2006.
- D.** Bally's – Members are reminded that the membership to Bally's is also open to family members. Anyone interested, please contact Cindy.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Linden BOE Meeting – Report was given on the meeting of 3/15/06.
- B.** LEA/LINCS Walkathon – the Walkathon will take place in May , further information at next month's meeting.
- C.** LPDC Nominations – Members interested in serving on the Professional Dev. Committee are asked to contact Cindy.
- D.** DYFS – A flyer was given to all Reps and asked to share the information in their buildings.
- E.** OTIS Training for Paras and School Aides – Training similar to that of the Professional staff will be given to the Paras and School Aides. The training is provided via Internet and time must be made for the Paras and Aides during the work day. If they choose to do it at home then NO compensation will be granted.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck