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Representative Council Minutes

February 16, 2006

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

A. Introduction of Buddies: Kathy Williams and Rep Mary Taranto (#9) and Lucille DeDeo and Rep Dorothy Hachey (#5). Kathy and Mary were winners of Barnes and Noble Gift Certificates.

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

1. Copy of LEA Rep Council Minutes (January 19, 2006)
2. LEA Rep Council Agenda -2/16/06
3. Letter to Mr. Martino in regards to the LEA selection of the 2006-07 school calendar.
4. Copy of the Approved 2006-07 Linden Public School calendar
5. Bally Health Club Membership Reminder
6. Member's Assistance Program letter

C. Healthcare Assistance with Member Support: Steve Korr, a representative of CAMS, spoke to Rep Council about the program. All Reps were given an envelope of detailed information and are to share this with all members.

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

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff Raiffe to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of January 19, 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 Pat Singly for a recent Get Well card. The following cards have been sent: Kelly Koziol,(Field House), death of uncle; Beverly Luttgens,(#6), birth of granddaughter; Goldie Bronson,(#4), surgery; Kathleen Rosivack,(#4), engagement; Karen Tevlin,(LHS),death of aunt; Cheryl English,(LHS), death of mother; Kathleen Volker,(LHS), death of father-in-law; Norm Heckel,(Soehl), illness; Nadriena Wesley,(LHS), death of aunt; Kim Hughes,(#5), surgery; Virginia Sleiger,(#6); death of aunts; Antonia Bellare,(#5), death of mother-in-law; Guilio Krol,(#5), death of father; Linda Ruppert,(#9), death in family; Phyllis Colacitti,(#5), death of aunt; Patricia Huxford,(Soehl), birth of grandson; James Warner,(LHS), death of uncle; Allison Smith, (#10), death of uncle; Jane Kushner,(#10), death of uncle; Carita Sanford,(LHS), engagement.

**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:	\$ 63,656.24	Luncheon:	\$ 807.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 7470.46	Money Market:	\$ 17,267.37

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 2/02/06 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. Anyone interested in attending call 486-7799.

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(04/05) in regards to the Teacher/Sec/Para unit, has been settled in our favor; #1 (05-06) as of 1/17/06 ,waiting for an arbitration date; #2(05-06) is at Level I with the Business Administrator, after discussion it has now moved to Level II.

Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.

F. Philanthropic: *Kelly Koziol* –A Spring Raffle will be held (March 15-31) . the reps will receive tickets and prize list on March 13,2006. The drawing will be held at the April Rep 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, held in confidence. February 21, 2006 is the next meeting.

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 givens to Reps with directions from Margaret. It is important that applicants adhere to the deadlines given.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

J. LPDC: *Jo Ann Hamilton* –JoAnn reported that 90% of the members received their first choice. **It was noted 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.**

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. Bally's – Information concerning membership has been distributed to members. Anyone interested in joining is to see their building Rep or call Cindy. Extended family members are invited to join. Those who join will be given temporary cards until permanent ones are available.

B. Read Across America – March 2, 2006 – Members having special programs are asked to contact Cindy. All are encouraged to celebrate the day.

C. BOE Elections – Members are reminded that elections take place during Spring Break and if needed absentee ballots should be used. The budget NEEDS to be voted in.

D. Calendar 2006-07 – Rep council was given a copy of the next year school calendar.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Linden BOE Meeting – Report was given on the meeting of 2/15/06.

B. SPRING PARTY- May 5, 2006 – The Party will be at **THE CUP**, E.Elizabeth Ave., Linden, 3:30-6PM. Members are asked for new ideas for door prizes. Prizes at past Parties have been themed baskets donated by each school.

C. Member Assistance Program – A flyer introducing the program will be distributed to all members. Reps will have contact numbers for anyone needing the program.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck