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Representative Council Minutes

October 18, 2007

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

Absent from the meeting: Media/IT, Adm., and Field House.

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 –10/18/07
2. LEA Minutes of September 20, 2007
3. Committee of 1000
4. RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 September 20, 2007 with a second by Ginny Sleiger. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) bettyo47@yahoo.com

Correction noted: Matthew and Kristen Lorenzetti, (LHS), birth of son.

The following cards have been sent : Jennifer and Mark Pekosz,(LHS), birth of child; Marie Henry,(LHS), extended illness; Laurie Szabunia,(LHS), death of aunt; Mark Bara,(LHS),death of aunt; Monica Lachacka,(LHS),death of aunt; Anthony Cartinella,(Soehl),birth of twin boys; Zofia Rogowski,(Soehl), death of aunt; Darlene Miller,(Soehl),surgery; Despina Cordeiro,(#8),birth of daughter; Fran Pszenica,(#10),illness; James Orth,(#8),birth of daughter; Joe Danielle,(#9), death of sister; Chris Kolibas,(#9), marriage; Rosa Russino,(McM),marriage; Inez Andreola,(#5), death of brother; Kathy Kruper,(McM), extended illness; Despina Cordeiro,(#8),death of mother; Maria DeLuca,(#10), death of aunt; Diana Carvalho,(#1), birth of son; Pete Fingerlin,(21stCentury-Soehl),birth of daughter; Slavic Pajak,(Media/IT),engagement.

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: The LEA and BOE teams have signed a memorandum agreement – a list of changes to the present contract. The team is meeting on 11/1/7 to finalize the salary guide to present to the Board.

Ed Mack- Custodian/Maintenance: The survey of members was sent to NJEA. This unit should meet with the Board mid-November.

B. Membership: *Betty Ogureck* –All Reps are reminded to continue to sign new employees, and to send name, phone and address changes to Betty (Soehl). The total number of members as of 11/1/07 is 882. There are 71 new members from all units. A total of 16 employees who have not joined will become Rep Fee members, that is up to 85% of their total membership dues will be deducted. They do have the opportunity to join membership, if the choose. Calendars and new teacher bags for all new members are still available. Please email Betty for your request.

C. Legislative/UCEA: Reminder to check the UCEA website for events. Len Sobel has resigned from this paid position as chairperson- any members interested, please contact Cindy.

- D. Newsletter:** *Joanne Ferrara*- Any member wishing to place an ad or to help with the Newsletter – please contact Joanne (McManus).
- E. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* – #1-‘07/’08 – investigating - a teacher terminated mid-year. #2-‘07/’08 – improper disbursement of PD monies to a non-member.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – Fall Raffle is to be sent to Kelly by 11/12/07. Raffle ticket will be drawn at November meeting.
- G. Superintendent’s Liaison:** *JoAnn Hamilton* – Send concerns to JoAnn at LHS. Concerns must be discussed at the building Liaison meetings first. Cindy does not have all Building Liaison committees. A reminder that building meetings are NOT to take place during Prep or Lunch times.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School # 2
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – No report
- J. LPDC:** Ewa Usowicz and Michael D’Amato – Committee reported that they are requesting release time to complete report due. The PD on 11/6 is a no choice day. Committee would rather see a day of choice.
- 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.** Email list for Association News – Members who did not send Cindy their email address may still do so and can submit it on our website... **www.lindenedassn.org**
- B.** Prudential Disability Insurance – New employees have 120 days from day of hire to enroll for insurance. There will be a booth at the Convention where members may complete forms. Open enrollment will occur in Spring.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Linden BOE Meeting – Report given by Cindy , there are several new employees and a few retirements.
- B.** Election Day /committee of 1000 – Any member wishing to volunteer at the UCEA office may contact Cindy.
- C.** JFK and Muhlenberg – Horizon BCBS has discontinued their service with both JFK and Muhlenberg hospitals. Any member with long term care at either facility is to contact Cindy.
- D.** Custodial Supplies – All reps have been asked to survey their custodial staff and the amount or supplies that are in the building. Please forward that information to Cindy.

Meeting Adjourned 5:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck