

*Rep Council Meeting Minutes
Oct. 11, 2011 - 3:30-5:30
Cooper School library*

Members present: Gary Masterson, Darian Schweiger, Tricia Cowen, Aja Cook, Christine Williams, Alyson Brauning, Ginny Miller, Brenda Hensley, Terresa Cook, Joy Holleran, Sylvia!, Tammy Parker, Katherine Epstein, Carolyn Thomas, Kathy Steiert, Diane Dahl, Sharon Riehl, Laurie Savage, Marsha Rucker, Marisa Emlen, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Moira McSweeney, Mark Richardson, Linda Phelan, Linda Covey, Bob Blaine, Ken Durham, Miranda Merino, Suzie Morgan, Stacie Smith, Tom Kutz, Todd Blanset, Corey Penrose

Members absent: Chelsea Seltz, Erin Gardner, Bonnie Coldiron, Roxann Burns, David Fickes, Chris Fickess, Judith MacDonald, Rodney Orosco, Glenn Branaman

1) - Group discussions/site concerns- after the small group dialogue, the following concerns/questions were discussed.

Elementary sites:

-Will there be furlough days this year? – *No, there will not be furlough days this year.*

-If schools say they have a policy for hiring site administrators, the staff must be involved in that process.

-Rainy-day makeups will work best when teachers and site administrators work together to determine the best use of resources and staff time.

Jr. High sites:

-There are some concerns about PLC policies

-There were some concerns about VUSD not following board policies and the appropriate section of bylaws requiring the district to address these issues was reviewed by Sylvia.

High School sites:

-None.

2) - Approval of the minutes -- the minutes are approved

3) - Approval of the agenda -- the agenda is approved

4) – New Business - Calendar Committee – after Moira reviewed the results from the calendar survey.

-Keep the current calendar for one more year. Have the calendar committee gather feedback this year and prepare a survey for the 2013-2014 calendar--108 votes or 41%

-Have the calendar committee begin to survey members now for a different calendar for 2012-2013--156 votes or 59%

Rep council made the following motion:

Motion - develop a calendar committee of 7 consisting of people from different school sites. This committee must have three at large unit members, four site reps folks from each school level and different levels. and one of those four will be from bargaining team - seconded

This motion was tabled until the end of the meeting

5) - President's report – Moira reported on the following issues:

Markham representatives – there were some irregularities with the site rep election at Markham. Sylvia will call Mark (our CTA staffer) to investigate existing policies and determine a course of action.

Wednesday collaborative committee - is established. The committee will consist of Linda Covey, Carolyn Thomas, and Sylvia Aquino and the next meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 3:15.

Would you like – to have VUSD job openings emailed to you? The procedure for this was reviewed and demonstrated.

Tax fairness information – was also reviewed and discussed.

Diversity letter regarding VUSD district and site administrators – was read and the following motion was made:

Motion – send this letter to the school board as written – seconded and approved.

Region one leadership conference – is scheduled for this weekend and we'll be sending seven participants.

6) - Treasurer's report - Brenda reported on the following items

Treasurers report – shows a negative dues number which will be rectified soon

Motion – approve the report – seconded and approved.

PAC op-out forms – are due on October 31st.

CTA budget forms – were collected.

7) - Committee/Chair reports

- Action- Corey Penrose and Aja Cook reported on the following issues:

American Teacher - the trailer for American Teacher was shared with meeting participants, the procedures for pre-buying tickets were reviewed and Sylvia will bring a high-resolution digital camera to the screening.

-Bargaining - Brenda Hensley reported on the following issues:

Lynn Grow - is the new bargaining team member and the first meeting will be held soon.

Bylaw review – is complete and will be shared with rep council next month.

-Grievance - none

-Human Rights - Alyson Brauning reported on the following issues:

Name tags –for meeting attendees have been developed and were distributed.

GLBD conference – is coming and a report will be shared with rep council when they return.

Day of silence – plans were shared.

VHS anti-trafficking club – has also been started.

-PAC – Dawn Kelly reported on the following issues:

Precinct walking – is ongoing and very easy. Please contact Dawn Kelly at (707) 365-7287 to help.

Candidate signs – were distributed

Candidate mixer – will start right after rep council at Wine Styles.

-Special Ed committee - Tammy Parker reported on the following issues:

Privacy v. Safety needs of spec-ed students – was discussed with Randy Henry. Specifically, the reality that information which might be critical to a students success/failure in school can only be shared with the teacher of record and NOT every adult the student might interact with over the course of the instructional day – unless so authorized in an IEP.

8)–Others

Calendar, continued – this previously-tabled motion:

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Was approved

Motion - direct this group to have recommendations for survey questions done by the next rep council meeting - seconded - fails

Motion - find the people to be on the committee and task them with making up the questions and submit them to e-board during the 10/25 meeting – seconded – passes

Motion - move rep council to the vaca pena library - seconded - passes

Administrator evaluation – will start to be explored as a collaborative process with VUSD district leadership. Moira will bring it up during her next meeting.

Membership chair – Tessa Cook reported that we're still developing lists of VTA members at each site. If you have any card stubs which haven't yet been returned, please return them to here ASAP.

9) – Raffle-

school calendar and poster – was won by Katherine Epstein...I hope.

CTA bag - was won by Trica Cowan

15 dollar subway card - won by Sylvia Aquino.

10) — Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 5:45

Respectfully submitted - Corey Penrose