

*Rep Council Meeting Minutes  
Jepson library  
September 24, 2013 - 3:30-5:30*

*Members present – Mark Richardson, Diane Dahl, Debbie Cavanaugh, Linda Covey, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Megan Morris, Carolyn Thomas, Lenore Hubal, Tracey Begley, Samantha Maunder, Sofia Felix, Helen Blood, Katherine Epstein, Laure Savage, Mike Ensley, Tricia Cowen, Sylvia!, Greg Gmahling, Sarah VanBuskirk, Desiree Nothstein, Karen Peters, Miranda Merino, Joy Holleran, DJ Bowen, Moira McSweeney, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Aja Cook, JULIE TIMMERMAN, Todd Blanset, Ginny Miller, Dawn Kelly, Stephanie Munzinger, Sylvia Shepard, Sharon Riehl*

*Members absent-Judy Schneider, Janel Curtis, Jenny Brown, Jasmin Dierking, Mack Jones*

*Member benefits presentation-* for more information, please [go here](#).

**Site concerns: discussion and report**

- **Elementary** - There was a discussion about having enough time to write sub plans for absences caused by professional development and there are some issues developing about intervention classes.
- **Junior High** – none
- **High School** - reps are reminded that, if you need to take time out of your classroom to represent a member, you may take release time, just let Brenda know. There was also a discussion about the distribution of students and IEP assignments and the fees charged for members personal appliances.

***Motion- direct the VP to write a letter to the school board expressing our dislike for personal appliance fees - seconded - the motion fails***

**1) - Approval of the minutes** - the minutes were approved.

**2)-Approval of the agenda** - the agenda was approved, as amended.

***Motion - suspend the rules to put the new business ahead of the committee reports - seconded and approved.***

**3) – President’s report** - Moira reported on the following:

- **Concern expressed about sites not receiving information about accidents/incidents** - Moira discussed this problem with the superintendent and he assured us that it wouldn't happen again.

- **Health Fair** - the issue was raised with HR, but we won't be able to get it together before the open enrollment period concludes.
- **Independent study students** - the undue time constraints by student independent study contracts, and the following solutions, were discussed with the superintendent.
  - The solution of distributing district-prepared study packets was rejected.
  - The solution of making up work after the absence was rejected.
  - The idea of paying unit members, by the hour, to assemble independent study packets was rejected.
- **Minimum day minute requirements**- VUSD is violating ed code covering minimum day minute requirements. We will meet tomorrow to resolve these issues and, if there isn't a resolution, VTA will file an unfair labor practice.
- **SB 484** – is expected to be signed by the governor and information about this bill was distributed to site reps.
- **School board appointment** - with the retirement of Teri Nutt, the board will choose between Shelly Dally and Shawn Wyndham at the next school board meeting.
- **Election chair** - Bob Blaine is stepping down after many years of service to our association. Please contact Moira if you're interested in taking the job.

**4) - Treasurers report** - Brenda discussed the treasurer's report and it was approved. The report for 12-13 was also reviewed and discussed. The report finished with a discussion of some of the common budgeting questions asked by site reps.

**5) - Business-**

- **Health care cost distribution** - Brenda discussed the health care issues VTA members are facing for the 2014 school year and outlined some possible solutions for rising out of pocket medical insurance costs

**Motion - accept the 80-20 compromise – seconded - approved**

**6) - Committee/Chair reports-**

- **Action** - Corey and Aja reported on the following:

- ***New teacher mixer*** - was a rousing success and two more mixers will be planned for the 13-14 school year.
- ***Napa-Solano CLC*** - is on October 16th at 5:30 pm at the CTA offices in Cordelia
- ***Chamber of Commerce*** - their next chamber mixer is on October 3rd at 5:30 pm at the KUIC offices.
- ***CA Common Core Concerns Town Hall Meeting*** - is tomorrow from 7-8 at the Ulatis Community Center - there are some good folks attending this event
- ***VPEF Board membership*** – was discussed and Sofia Felix took an application.
- ***Bargaining*** - Brenda discussed bargaining update# 8 which can be [found here](#). The next bargaining session is scheduled for 9/25.
- ***Grievance*** - Sylvia reminded site reps that, if our unit members have not yet met with their evaluators, they are in violation of the contract, unless both the evaluator and evaluated consent to the modification.
- ***Equity Team***- none
- ***Human Rights*** – none
- ***PAC*** - Dawn reported on the following:
  - ***VPEF challenge***- is ongoing and the deadline is 9/30
  - Motion - VTA contribute 607 dollars to the Kimme challenge - seconded and approved.***
  - ***School Board Mixer*** - our next school board mixer will happen immediately after the rep council meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both events will be held at Chevys and VUSD trustees Sheree, Whit and David will be the board members in attendance.
- ***Special Ed*** – none
- ***Leave Bank*** – none
- ***Membership*** - membership cards have arrived, but the membership chair could use some assistance in organizing the cards.

7) - Conference reports –

- **Redwood Meeting** - Moira reported on Redwood meeting in Santa Rosa last weekend.

8) - Others -

- **Substitutes** - there was a question about turning away subs and Moira will pursue that issue with HR.
- **UC Davis Common Core projects** - members are encouraged to ask administrators for District funds to pay for UC Davis Math/Science Common Core PD.
- **Asilomar** – if you're going to be attending the Region One leadership conference, contact Corey if you'd like to carpool. He may be reached at coreypenrose@yahoo.com.

9) - Raffle-

- Sylvia! won a Coldstone gift card for ten dollars
- Todd Blanset won a Brendan gift card for ten dollars.

10) - Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose