

*Rep Council Meeting Minutes*  
*Jepson library*  
*November 12, 2013 - 3:30-5:30*

*Members present: Diane Dahl, Mark Richardson, Debbie Cavanaugh, Linda Covey, Janel Curtis, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Megan Morris, Carolyn Thomas, Lenore Hubal, Tracy Begley, Samantha Mauder, Sofia Felix-Hatfield, Helen Blood, Katherine Epstein, Laurie Savage, Sylvia Aquino, Greg Gmahling, Jenny Brown, Miranda Merino, Joy Holleran, Moira McSweeney, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Aja Cook, Julie Timmerman, Ginny Miller, Dawn Kelly, Stephanie Munzinger, Sylvia Shepard*

*Members absent: Mike Ensley, Tricia Cowen, Sarah Van Buskirk, Desiree Nothstine, Jasmine Dierking, Karen Peters, DJ Bowen, Mack Jones, Todd Blanset, Judy Schneider, Sharon Riehl*

*Site concerns: discussion and report* - some Internet problems and pension issues were discussed. K-6 report card issues were discussed as well.

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

2)- Approval of the agenda - the agenda was approved.

3) - President's report - Moria reported on the following:

- *Contract ratification* - went smoothly.
- *Minimum day MOU* - was signed last week. The specifics of the MOU were reviewed and the language will be part of the new contract. The changes to the minimum day schedule will go into effect immediately.
- *Health care committee* - was discussed. Alyson Brauning will chair the group and an email to membership will be sent out later this week. The committee will be ready to go before Christmas break.
- *Wednesday collaboration committee* - is up and running and the status of the group was reviewed.
- *Attendees for the new teachers conference* - if you have some folks who are interested, contact Moira ASAP.

4) - Treasurer's report - Brenda discussed the treasurers report and it was approved.

5) -State Council report - Corey, Jerry and Julie reported on the happenings at the CTA State Council of Education in October.

6) - Committee/Chair reports:

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

*Solano Midnight Sun* - At the last chamber mixer, we met the Solano Midnight Sun Breast Cancer Foundation and we're going to look into building a relationship with this group. Corey will report back on the status of this project at the next rep council meeting.

*Napa-Solano CLC* - will happen on November 20th. Dawn, Corey and Julie will attend.

*The VTA store* - is up and running - go [here](#) to go shopping.

- **Bargaining** - Brenda reported that the contract and salary schedules are being updated. Once they're reviewed, and approved, they'll be available on the website. If you helped to develop the original PAR contract language, please contact Brenda and Moira. New goldenrod sheets for all of our members will be coming soon.
- **Grievance** - Sylvia reported that she's met with the police to develop protocols to follow if our members are arrested. A CTA training on professional conduct is also being held at the CTA offices in Cordelia this Thursday and, if you'd like to know more, click [here](#).
- **Equity Team** - Alyson distributed the member benefits posters to site reps and reviewed the CTA scholarships available to our members. If you'd like to know more, [click here](#).
- **Human Rights** - Tricia Cowan is the chair of the human rights committee and Alyson discussed the job titles of the various chair positions. If you'd like to know more, [click here](#). If you are interested in either position, please contact Alyson or Moira.

**Motion - reinstate the position on the woman's rights chair on the equity team - seconded - approved**

Sylvia will fill the position.

- **PAC** - Dawn reported that the next school board mixer will be held on February 25th and Michael Kitzes is expected to attend.
- **Special Ed** - There are some new alternative tests. There have been some changes with nurse/speech therapist's requirements for special ed students during IEP meetings. The report finished with a general discussion of time management techniques for special ed unit members.
- **Leave Bank** - none
- **Membership** - none

**7)- Business:**

- **LCAP Update** - Brenda discussed the Local Control Accountability Plan and VTA's involvement. The report finished with a discussion of VUSD's student achievement plan.

**Motion - Rep council adopt a resolution stating our opposition to VUSD's unilaterally and unfairly imposed formative assessment component of the student achievement plan – seconded and unanimously approved.**

**8) – Conference reports-none**

**9) - Other** - none

**10) – Raffle** - the following items were won

- Ten dollar Starbucks card - Janel Curtis
- Ten dollar Coldstone card - Miranda Merino

**11) - Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 5:41

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose