

Rep Council Meeting Minutes

Jepson Library

December 17, 2013 - 3:45-5:38

Members present – Diane Dahl, Mark Richardson, Debbie Cavanaugh, Linda Covey, Janel Curtis, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Megan Morris, Sofia Felix-Hatfield, Helen Blood, Laurie Savage, Mike Ensley, Tricia Cowen, Sylvia Aquino, Greg Gmahling, Jenny Brown, Karen Peters, Miranda Merino, Joy Holleran, Moira McSweeney, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Aja Cook, Julie Timmerman, Todd Blanset, Ginny Miller, Stephanie Munzinger, Sylvia Shepard, Sharon Riehl

Members absent – Muriel Clack, Carolyn Thomas, Lenore Hubal, Tracy Begley, Samantha Maunder, Katherine Epstein, Sarah VanBuskirk, Desiree Nothstine, Jasmine Dierking, DJ Bowen, Mack Jones, Judy Schneider, Dawn Kelly

Site concerns: discussion and report - none

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

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

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

- ***Kairos approval*** – as reported at the December 12th School Board meeting, due to the approval of the Kairos independent charter, projected losses for the Vacaville Unified School District, will be 1.7 million dollars (in ADA funding) and the reduction of 12 full-time teachers.
- ***Early notification incentive*** - is coming. The window for this incentive will be from mid January to mid February.
- ***Sub emergencies*** - Contract language for sub emergencies was reviewed and the protocols will be distributed to site reps.
- ***4-6 student ratios*** - have been out of compliance and we've been meeting with the district to resolve this problem. In lieu of breaking up existing classes, the idea of push-in paraeducators is being discussed.
- ***Computer labs*** - are being built to allow for the implementation of the smarter balance assessments. Some teachers may be displaced in order to allow for more computer labs but the plans have not been finalized. Three to four sites will likely be affected and the contract language for classroom moves was reviewed.
- ***BAC*** - is looking for three representatives from VTA. The committee meets once per month, typically on Wednesdays at 3:30 at the district office.

4) - Treasurer's report - after reviewing the treasurer's report and discussing VTA's finances, it was approved.

5) - Committee/Chair reports:

Action - Corey reported on the following:

- **Napa Solano CLC** - is tomorrow at 5:30 at the Sheet workers #104. Julie, Corey and Moira will attend.
- **Chamber mixers** - haven't yet been scheduled for 2014 but the website will be updated once they have been.
- **Go Public** - a documentary about public schools, was shared and discussed with rep council. For more information, go here <http://gopublicproject.org>.

Bargaining - Brenda discussed potential staffing moves and the process behind the proposed retirement incentive mentioned during the presidents report. The report finished with an update on medical expenses for 13-14.

Grievance - Sylvia reported that the “first responder” class will be held tonight after rep council. Sylvia finished her report by reminding rep council that every VTA member is entitled to CTA legal representation and commended VUSD for supporting our members. For more information on your rights, please go here - <https://www.aclunc.org/our-work/know-your-rights/your-rights-and-police>.

Equity Team - none

Human Rights - none

PAC - The next school board mixer will be held on February 25th. If you know a good school board candidate, please contact Dawn or Moira. The report finished with a review of the deadlines for potential school board candidates.

Special Ed - Debbie reviewed IEP issues and sub release time for IEP meetings. RSP teacher caseloads and waivers for exceeding caseloads were reviewed.

Membership - Julie reported that members without cards will receive theirs soon.

6)- Business

- **Health Care/PAR Committee Update** - Moira will send out another email urging members to join the committees addressing these issues. Site reps are urged to discuss participation in each of these committees with their members and
- **LCAP/ Formative Assessments Update** - Moira reviewed the draft revision of the formative assessments process and addressed some questions from rep council. The draft is attached to the minutes. The report finished with reminder of contract language concerning teacher-driven agendas for Wednesday meetings.

7) – Conference reports - none

8) - Other - none

9) – Raffle

A ten dollar Chipotle card - was won by Joy Holleran

A ten dollar Panera card - was won by Stephanie Munzinger

10) – Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:38

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose