

*Rep Council Meeting minutes
Jepson library
January 28, 2014 - 3:30-6:18*

Members present - Aja Cook, Dawn Kelly, Corey Penrose, Lenore Hubal, Moira McSweeney, Karen Peters, Helen Blood, Sofia Felix, Mike Ensley, Laurie Savage, Carolyn Thomas, Katherine Epstein, Diane Dahl, Judy Schneider, Ginny Miller, Janel Curtis, Megan Morris, Sarah VanBuskirk, Greg Gmahling, JULIE TIMMERMAN, Jennifer Brown, Brenda Hensley, Samantha Mauder, Tricia Cowen, Tracy Begley, Miranda Merino, Hattie Gomez, Todd Blanset, Stephanie Munzinger, Sharon Riehl, Mark Richardson, Russ Tucker, Sylvia Shepard

Members absent - Debbie Cavanaugh, Julie McGee, Muriel Clack, Sylvia Aquino, Desiree Nothstine, Jasmin Dierking, Joy Holleran, DJ Bowen, Mack Jones

Site concerns: discussion and report:

Computers for K-6 - will be addressed in Moira's report.

Site Council compliance - will be addressed by Julie.

Break time issues - will be investigated by Moria.

Staff meetings - you **do not** have to take personal leave if you miss a staff meeting.

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:

Member's matters - please post them at your site.

13-14 state budget - is looking quite favorable and some specifics were discussed.

STRS liability - will be an ongoing project and dialogue between interest groups and California. If you see any petitions being circulated about pensions, please **DO NOT** sign them.

4-6 Support Ratio - the plan to use para-professional educators was reviewed. The PP's will be deployed at Orchard, Hemlock, Cooper and Callison start tomorrow.

Displaced teacher pool - The district has requested to discuss moving the pool to before spring break. We will collaborate on how to do this without limiting choices available to displaced teachers.

CTA retired workshop - might be coming soon, depending on interest.

Summer School leave - is another ongoing project

Formative assessments - should be coming in March.

Smarter Balance technology requirements - will be met at sites with entry-level laptops. Jepson, BV, Orchard and Markham will give the Smarter Balance entirely with portable devices. If you have experience with this process, please email the VUSD board. Their contact information may be found at - <http://www.vacateachers.org/vusd-board-members-contact-information/>

NEA-RA elections - the state level nomination window will close on January 31st. We will hold local elections for our 4-5 delegates in the later part of March. For more information on the RA, TO DO - please click here.

BAC - the first meeting is scheduled for February. We have an elementary and high school person on the committee but need a junior high person

Collaboration committee - meets tomorrow, please give feedback to the committee.

Read across America - is coming soon. For more information, please go <http://www.cta.org/Parents-and-Community/Read-Across-America.aspx>

4) - Treasurer's report - after reviewing the treasurer's report, it was approved. Brenda also reported that CTA is also piloting a different dues structure in some locals which bases dues structure unit member's salaries. Brenda will share the specifics of the pilot at the next rep council meeting.

5) - Committee/Chair reports:

Action - Corey, Aja and Sylvia reported on the following:

The VTA Logo Contest - is on and the deadline is March 1st at 3 pm. For more information, please go here - <http://www.vacateachers.org/vacaville-teachers-association-t-shirt-design-contest/>

Vacaville Chamber Mixers - the next mixer is scheduled for February 6th at 5:30 at Emeritus of Vacaville which is located at 1111 Ulatis Drive. Alyson and Corey will attend.

Napa Solano Labor Council- we will be participating in panel interviews to determine who will be endorsed on March 4th and March 13th and the next delegate meeting will be on the 19th.

Organizing Academy - is scheduled for April 4th through the 6th.

Newsletter reminder #1 - will be coming tomorrow morning and the deadline will be February 4th.

Teacher socials - the second social invitation will held on March 6th or March 13th for second to fifth year teachers at STARS.

State council report

The strategic plan - for CTA passed.

Read across America - will be starting soon. For more information on how CTA will be involved, please visit <http://www.cta.org/en/Parents-and-Community/Read-Across-America/California-Reads.aspx>

Website updates - cta.org now uses google search analytics and the mobile site is up and running.

Vegara trial - attacking due process and seniority rights started Monday in Los Angeles. Updates for the trial can be followed at <http://www.cta.org/Issues-and-Action/Ongoing-Issues/Vegara-Trial1.aspx>.

Bargaining - Brenda reported that the bargaining survey is being developed and, hopefully, will be ready before the February break. There will also be another e-board meeting on Feb 4th at 3:30 at Cooper.

Grievance - none

Equity Team - Alyson reported that they will schedule a meeting with Mark Fraizer to discuss SB 48 implementation.

Human Rights - none.

PAC - Dawn reported that the next rep council meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel across from the Olive Garden. Shelly Dally and Chris Flask will be the attendees and for more information, please click here - <http://www.vacateachers.org/the-vacaville-teachers-association-invites-you-to-attend-a-mixer-with-school-board-trustees-chris-flask-shelley-dally/>

Special Ed - none

Leave Bank - none

Membership - Julie reported that VTA has 643 active members and 8 agency fee payers. She also reviewed her notes from State Council.

6)- Business

Health Care Update - Alyson reported that the first meeting will be on February 12th. Mark DeWeerdts will also give a presentation on the Affordable Health Care act and how it will impact bargaining.

LCAP Discussion/Input - Brenda and Moira reviewed the LCAP and rep council began the process of compiling information from our unit members. The LCAP process will be put at the beginning of the next rep council meeting.

7) – Conference reports

Berkeley Social Media Conference - VTA has a flexible and efficient social media apparatus which we can use to advance an issue of our choosing.

Issues conference - was a great conference. Attendees received some great training in organizing, budget, organizing, and social equity issues.

8) - Other -

School board meeting - sign up and attend them.

ESC site rep elections - are happening soon.

VPEF loop the lagoon - is starting soon. For more information, please visit - <http://www.vpef.org/loop-the-lagoon/>

School Bond measure - is being considered.

9) – Raffle

\$10 Jamba Juice Card - was won by Moira McSweeney.

\$10 Chipotle Card - was won by Julie Timmerman.

10) – Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 6:18

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose