

**August 25th Rep Council Meeting minutes
3:30-5:15 @ D16**

Members present – Chris Fickes, Erin Gordon, Matt Benham, Julie Timmerman, Greg Gmahling, Miranda Merino, Tricia Cowen, SYLVIA!, Ann Kubler, Mike Ensley, Annmarie Woehler, Brenda Hensley, Erin Gordon, Sylvia Shepard, Sofia Calderon, Alyson Brauning, Mark Richardson, Jenny Brown, Russ Tucker, Karen Peters, Julie McGee, Sharon Riehl, Tracy Begley, Lisa Cusi, Samantha Dubs, Rebecca Wylie, Linda Covey, Megan Morris, Cyndi Marshall, Tammy Parker, Dawn Waid, Moira McSweeney, Corey Penrose

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

2) - Approval of the agenda – the agenda was modified to add a committee report from the Napa-Solano Labor Council for the 15-16 year and approved as modified.

3) – Welcome and Introductions – welcome back! The who do I ask paper was discussed as well and can be found at <http://www.vacateachers.org/member-services/who-do-i-ask-about/>

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

Meetings will usually be held – in the Jepson library

Site concerns – and feedback for the process was solicited. If you have a site concern, please fill out the form located at <http://www.vacateachers.org/vta-documents/meeting-agendas-minutes-and-site-concern-forms/site-concerns-from/>

Various MOU's – were discussed and updated. A complete list can be found at <http://www.vacateachers.org/vta-documents/contract-salary-schedules-and-current-mous/current-mous/>

Roles and responsibilities for site reps – were discussed as well.

School board members – will be speaking at our rep council meetings for the 15-16 school year. Nolan Sullivan will attend our October meeting and Shawn Windham will be at the November meeting.

5) - Treasurer's report – Brenda distributed handouts for reps to distribute at their sites and discussed the deadlines for opt outs for the 15-16 year. After reviewing the report, and taking some questions, the report was approved.

6) - Committee/Chair reports:

Action – Corey reviewed the changes to the website calendar, reminded site reps that the contract, MOU's, school calendars, salary schedules and various notifications are available

for our members. There are also links to our Facebook page, twitter feed, text reminders and e-newsletter – please have your members sign up!

Bargaining – Brenda reviewed the bargaining chairs report and discussed the proposed bargaining calendar for 15-16.

Grievance – Sylvia reported that psychologists will be moving to an eight hour day and discussed some of the specifics of the MOU helping to facilitate that process. She finished the report with a general discussion of various ongoing personnel issues.

Equity Team – Tricia reported that the equity calendar is being updated and will be ready to distribute soon. Some ongoing equity issues are in the process of being resolved as well. The report finished with a few questions about site procedures in violation of this policy.

Health Care – Alyson discussed the upcoming health care fair. For more information, please visit <http://www.vacateachers.org/vta-and-vusd-health-fair/>. Estimates for health care costs for 2016 are being worked on with the goal of having them ready by September 3rd and the report finished with a few general questions on health care costs for our members.

Member Engagement – Alyson reported on the most recent new teacher mixer and discussed the scope of the program to engage our members for the 15-16 school year. Her report finished with a few questions about how best to improve the efficiency of the process.

PAC – Corey and Tracy reported that we are expecting an opening on the board in the next few weeks and that we've been monitoring the situation and planning with other local elected leaders.

Special Ed – Tammy reported that her committee will be meeting on September 9th and discussed a few general issues with special ed in the district.

Leave Bank/Julie Davis Scholarship fund – forms to start contributions were distributed to reps to be shared with their school sites and took a few questions.

Membership – Julie reported that we have 632 FTE's, 5 agency-fee payers and distributed membership cards.

Napa-Solano Central Labor Council – Corey reminded rep council that we are members of the Napa-Solano CLC and two current VTA members serve on the board, himself and Glen Branaman. He finished the report with a reminder to see the bottom of the minutes for specifics on a town hall on social security and the labor day breakfast featuring Delores Huerta.

7)- Business-

Vote on Exec Board recommendation for opening Sierra Vista at least as a K-3 for 2016-17 given CSR overflow needs - After a special visit from Interim Superintendent Jane Shamieh to provide background on Sierra Vista, the following motion was made:

Motion – VTA endorses opening Sierra Vista at least as a K-3 for 2016-17 to address CSR overflow needs – seconded and unanimously approved.

8) - Conference reports - none

9) – Others – none

Motion - VTA contribute \$1 per member to the Ernest Kimme memorial scholarship through VPEF – seconded and unanimously approved.

10) – Raffle – Ann Kubler and Annmarie Woehler each won \$10 gift cards in the raffle.

11) – Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:15

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

Informational Items:

Thompson to Host town hall meeting on social security - U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05) will host a town hall forum on Social Security with special guests Max Richtman, President and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and Sandy Goodman, District Manager of the Vallejo Social Security Administration Field Office. The town hall marks the 80th Anniversary of Social Security. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, 2:00 p.m at the Florence Douglas Senior Center which is located at 333 Amador St in Vallejo, CA 94590

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Labor Day Breakfast 2015

Please join Napa-Solano Central Labor Council and Iron Workers Local Union 378
in our national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity,
and the well-being of our Country.

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SPECIAL GUEST

Dolores Huerta

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

*Congressman John Garamendi
Congressman Mike Thompson
Assembly member Susan Bonilla
Assembly member Jim Frazier
Assembly member Bill Dodd & more*



*View the new commissioned statues by Mario Chiodo
of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta that
will be displayed in Napa.*

DATE AND TIME

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9am-12pm**

LOCATION

Ironworkers Local 378 Hall
3120 Bayshore Road
Benicia, CA 94510

COST

- Adults \$30.00
- Children \$5.00 (4-12)
- Children under 3 are free
- Free for out of work union members

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Friendly event,
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to see
Kelly the Clown!*



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