

Rep Council Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017 – 3:40-5:45
Jepson Library

Members present – Andrew Bower, Yvonne DiMichele, Janel Curtis, Jaxie Murray, Megan Morris, Brenda Hensley, Mike Ensley, Christopher Cooper, Cheryl Vito, Allen May, Erin Gordon, Sophia Calderon, Jouli Jara, Chris Fickes, Becky Wylie, Cindy Bray, Ryan Williams, Brian Speck, Jennifer Brown, Marilyn Johnson, Lenore Hubble, Sylvia Shepard, Norma Guerrero-Rubio, Alyson Brauning, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Jennifer Lindsey, Tracy Begley, Corey Penrose, Nancy Anderson, Jouli Jara, Lisa Cusi

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

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

3)-President’s report -Tracy Begley

Rep Training - Dawn Cova – was done and it was great! More training has already been scheduled for **upcoming** months. Tracy also shared the results from the uniform complaint regarding the grade change by the school board we filed last year, IPP committee staffing, Combo/SPICE \$575 stipend to compensate for missed prep-30 min/wk, scheduling Standard site visits, chairing the special education, election and membership committee, additional members for e-board, the importance of having CTA-endorsed vendors visiting individual school sites, and the importance of having one-on-one conversations with our new members.

4)-Treasurer’s report – after reviewing the report and the financials, the treasurer’s report was approved.

Motion – approve the treasurer’s report – seconded and approved

5)-Committee/Chair reports -

- **Action:** Corey Penrose discussed how The Vacaville Teachers Association, on May 23rd 2017, voted unanimously to oppose the Heritage Peak Independent Charter application to the Vacaville Unified School District Board.

On June 29th, 2017, the Vacaville Unified School District Board voted unanimously to deny the Heritage Peak application but, now, Heritage Peak is appealing to the Solano County Board of Education in the hopes of circumventing the will of our elected school board.

If you’d like to read Richard Bammer’s story on the reasons behind the rejection on June 29th, please visit - <http://bit.ly/2x4xlzE>

The initial hearing is on Heritage Peak’s application is on August 23rd at 5100 Business Center Dr, Fairfield, CA at six pm.

Please attend and show your support for the Ernest Kimme Charter Academy for Independent Learning – which is staffed by our members and serves the same population as Heritage Peak.

- ***Bargaining***: Brenda summarized the articles sunshined at the May 18th meeting and reported that the first bargaining meeting happened on June 1st, 2017. The next bargaining meeting dates are August 24th and September 8th. Brenda finished the report by sharing the top ten parts of the contract she receives questions on, as well as the current MOU's, and distributed hard copies of both of these documents for representatives binders.
- ***Grievance***: Lisa disused the guidelines for filing a Grievance, timelines for filing a Grievance, and reminded site reps that her phone number is available at vacateachers.org. The report finished with a reminder of the importance of our members being discrete, especially with confidential information, our individual members employment and guidelines for safe use of technology and social media platforms.
- ***Equity Team***: Alyson reported that the equity team calendar was sent out today and it's available at vacateachers.org. The report finished with **distributing** safe space cards and the implementation of AB 1732. If the bill isn't being implemented at your site, please let your site administrator and Alyson know.
- ***Health Care***: none
- ***Labor Council***: Corey reminded Rep Council that we are affiliates of the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council and discussed the many benefits of that affiliation. The report finished with a reminded for reps to please visit the CLC's website and to attend the Labor Day Breakfast. Every state and local elected is expected to attend and CTA will be buying tickets.
- ***Member Engagement***: Alyson Brauning reported that the “Who do I ask form” has been updated and posted at vacateachers.org. The report finished with the distribution of a draft of the member engagement grant we'll be applying for in the fall. The report finished with a reminder of the Olive Oil Tour on November 10th from 10-1 pm. [For more information, please click here.](#) Reps will follow up with more ideas for membership engagement at the next rep council meeting.
- ***PAC***: See action report.
- ***Special Ed***: none, looking for a committee chair.
- ***Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship***: none.
- ***Membership***: none, looking for a committee chair.

- *Elections*: none, looking for a committee chair.

6) - New business – none

7) – Conference reports – please check out what happened at the RA!

8) - Others – none

9) – Raffle - A ten dollar Starbucks gift card was won by Jaxie Murray

10) – Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose