

**Rep Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2018 - 3:30-5:30**

**Members present- Tracy Begley, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Jouli Jara, Erin Gordon, Julie Rodrigues, Jenny Brown, Becky Wylie, Mike Ensley, Cheryl Vito, Allen May, Sofia Calderon, Evangela Harrison, Allen May, Julie McGee, Russ Tucker, Chris Cooper, Yvonne DiMichele, Janel Curtis, Navjot Kaur, Mike Ensley, Lenore Hubal, Ryan Williams, Jouli Jara, Erin Gordon, Chris Fickes, Nancy Anderson-Louie, Mikayla Waugh**

**Members absent – Todd Blanset, Jaxie Murray, Norma Guerrero, Sylvia Shepard, Megan Morris, Constance Gonzales-Hall, Melissa Mainini, Mandy O’Rear, Denise Nelson, Marilyn Johnson, Brian Speck, Marcus York, Andrew Bower, Greg Gmahling, Cindy Bray, Robert Lovesee, Sheila McCumber, Dave Hawkins**

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

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

**3 - President’s report** – in addition to the written report, Tracy discussed the rollout of the Janus PowerPoint, one-on-one conversations, tools for Campaign 2018, potential March 14<sup>th</sup> walkouts and potential April 20<sup>th</sup> workouts.

**Motion – direct e-board to develop an action plan for April 20<sup>th</sup>. Share that draft at the March meeting for feedback and approval – seconded and approved.**

Corey finished the report by introducing our guest, county superintendent, Lisette Estrella-Henderson. She chatted with council for a few minutes about the issues facing schools in Vacaville.

**4 - Treasurer’s report** – after reviewing the financials for our local, the report was approved.

**5 - Committee/Chair reports**

- **Action:** Corey reported that the Organizing Academy is being held this weekend in Cordelia.

**Motion – VTA purchase three copies of The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education (12 dollars through Amazon) for SCOE Trustees Cheek, Sharp and Ford – seconded and approved.**

- **Bargaining:** Brenda reviewed the [latest bargaining report](#) and discussed how the bargaining for the 17-18 cycle is expected to be completed in the next two scheduled meetings on 3/2/18 and 3/9/18. The report finished by discussing the professional development MOU program pilot and answering a few questions.

- **Grievance:** reps were reminded to be sure to be supportive and ensure that our folks don't go into meetings without representation.
- **Equity Team:** Alyson reported that the next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Labor Council:** Corey reported that the Spring Salute/Award Banquet is coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup> and reminded reps to please contact him if they know someone whose efforts deserve recognition. [A complete list of awards can be found here.](#) Candidate interviews are coming up next week as well.
- **Member Engagement:** Alyson discussed the upcoming dates for member mixers and answered some questions about the many exciting activities we have planned for our members. For more information, and the event specifics, please visit [vacateachers.org](http://vacateachers.org).
- **PAC:** Corey Penrose & *Mike Ensley (treasurer) is taking over.* Corey reported that CTA's political academy is coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> and both of us will be attending. Campaign 2018 will be built out the website as well.
- Special Ed: **Open**
- Leave Bank: none
- Julie Davis Scholarship: **Open**
- Membership: *Sylvia Shepard is taking over*
- Elections: **Open**

**6) - New business** - none

**7) - Conference reports** - none

**8) - Others** - Julie talked about Alison Hartson and her Senate Campaign. Alyson and Brenda took feedback/suggestions from Rep Council about the Cordelia Instruction Leadership Conference.

**9)** - Mike Ensley, Allen May and Janel Curtis won two \$25 dollar Sees gift cards and a \$25 dollar Coldstones gift card

**10) - Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

VTA Rep Council  
Written Report  
DATE: **February 27, 2018**

Committee Name: President's Report

Questions, please contact Tracy Begley at: [skiptracyavery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skiptracyavery@sbcglobal.net)

Summary:

Signed MOUs for Elementary Prep, Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) and Professional Development (PD)

Special Ed input form through Google- results so far  
49 members completed  
32% want time with paras for communication/planning  
53.1% increase efficiency with paperwork demands

Organizing Academy on March 3<sup>rd</sup>- members attending: Nancy Anderson-Louie, Alexis Preston, Mike Ensley and me

Updates on one-on-one conversations, Janus/fair share ppt, VTA objectives

NEA/RA Election- completed ballots in front office for collection on March 6. I have to mail off- March 9<sup>th</sup> deadline

Open Committees: Please let me know if you are interested in serving as a chair for one of the following committees:  
Special Education  
Elections

PAC account: \$23,403.42

Membership count: 707 (as of 2/14/18)

## **Vacaville Teachers Association Quotes from Good Teaching Conference 2018**

First and foremost, I was able to spend valuable time with other educators discussing education as a whole and having some fellowship time! I attended some wonderful sessions but one in particular had make and takes that I can immediately use in my classroom.

Mrs. Cheryl Vito  
3rd Grade Teacher  
Browns Valley Elementary School

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I am particularly excited about the session that I attended regarding the IFT grants awarded by CTA. We learned how one CTE teacher took her 2 grants, each for nearly \$20,000, and created an amazing program around floral design including opening the school's own floral shop. I have been thinking almost non-stop about how I could potentially use grant money to improve and enrich my own school site and the lives of my students.

Thank you so much for everything! I had a wonderful time and, most importantly, learned a huge amount.

Brittany Wensky - VUSD WCW  
Biology Teacher

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GTC is a wonderful experience for new teachers. You learn so much from other teachers - tips, tricks, strategies, advice. You can even utilize those strategies the following Monday with your students.

Melanie Ludwig  
*Science Teacher*  
*Will C. Wood*

"The biggest take-away from the CTA Good Teaching Conference for me was a seminar on engaging students in an explicit growth mindset. The other seminars gave a plethora of useful resources that will be shared with our entire staff. Conferences for teachers by teachers have so much utility and I was very grateful for the opportunity that VTA provided for me to attend and grow my craft and expertise as a teacher in order to better serve and challenge my students."

Sincerely,

James Buescher  
Buckingham Charter Magnet High School





VTA Mixer

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Bringing together  
VTA family &  
friends

Relational  
Organizing

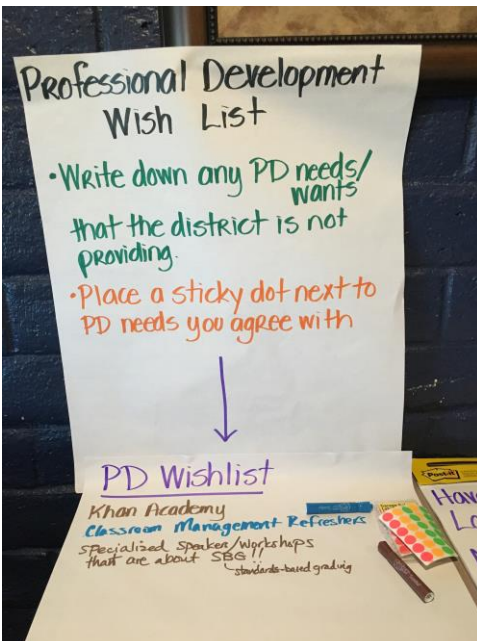
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All Members, One Goal





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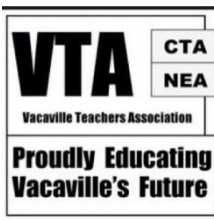
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