

Rep Council Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2018 from 3:37-5:01
Jepson Library

Members present- Tracy Begley, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Joui Jara, Erin Gordon, Julie Rodrigues, Todd Blanset, Mike Ensley, Norma Guerrero, Sofia Calderon, Evangela Harrison, Julie McGee, Russ Tucker, Chris Cooper, Yvonne DiMichele, Melissa Mainini, Navjot Kaur, Mike Ensley, Lenore Hubble, Brian Speck, Andrew Bower, Greg Gmahling, Cindy Bray, Chris Fickes, Mikayla Waugh, Sheila McCumber, Lisa Cusi

Members absent – Jenny Brown, Becky Wylie, Cheryl Vito, Jaxie Murray, Sylvia Shepard, Megan Morris, Allen May, Constance Gonzalez-Hall, Maddy O’Rear, Janel Curtis, Denise Nelson, Marilyn Johnson, Ryan Williams, Marcus York, Nancy Anderson-Louie, Robert Lovesee, Dave Hawkins

1-Approval of the minutes – the minutes were approved

2- Approval of the agenda – the agenda was approved, with flexibility.

3-President’s report –After reviewing her written report, Tracy solicited feedback about the School Safety Events on April 20th, Thurmond visit, phone banking, commitment cards, the outcome of the Nurses conversations and how the issues raised will be addressed, SLP scheduling about caseload, site visits, sharing our accomplishments on social media and State Council voting.

4 - Treasurer’s report -Brenda presented the financial report and the proposed 18-19 budget. The report finished with a discussion about scholarships, audits, site funds, and online elections.

Motion – approve the financial report – seconded and approved.

The 18-19 budget will be approved in May, pending additions, subtractions or modifications by rep council.

5 - Committee/Chair reports:

- **Action:** Corey shared the state council report and took some questions. [A full copy of the report can be found here.](#)
- **Bargaining:** Brenda Hensley updated council on the timelines for the ratification of our contract. Retro pay and medical retro pay should be on the May pay warrant! [Additional information can be found here.](#)

- **Grievance:** Lisa reported about issues with our members being harassed and discussed the best practices for us to follow and updated the delegates on the presentation regarding GLBT youth.
- **Equity Team:** Alyson reported out on the Equity reception.
- **Labor Council:** Corey reported on the Spring Salute reception.
- **Member Engagement:** Alyson reminded council that the River Cats game is this Sunday. [Tickets may be purchased here.](#) Her report finished with a reminder to the Green River Tap Room event on May 25th. The first 30 members will be able to go, so, when the link goes live, sign up!
- **PAC:** Corey Penrose & Mike Ensley – Corey reported that he and Mike will be attending the political academy this weekend. He finished by reminding council that Assm Thurmond wasn't able to attend our April Council due to a scheduling conflict, but will be attending on May 22nd. Assm Grayson's bill on vocational education has been postponed until 2019, so he will not be visiting the VHS Trades Program this spring.
- Special Ed: **Open**
- **Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship:** None
- **Membership:** Sylvia Shepard
- Elections: **Open**

6-New business: scholarship bylaw change

CILC – Sign-ups are going along well and, remember, if you present at this conference, VUSD will pay you! The conference is on October 13th at Will C Wood and Dr Therese Montano will be delivering the keynote!

Motion – approve the scholarship bylaw change listed below – seconded and approved

7- Conference reports – none

8 – Other-

- **May 1st Day of Action-** was discussed.
- **Seniority lists** – some questions were asked about the process of determining district seniority.

9- Raffle – A \$20 Peet’s card was won by Erin Gordon and Cindy Bray

10 - Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 – stick around for phone banking!

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

Proposed bylaw change – changes are listed in bold

Proposed BYLAW change: March 2018

F. The Vacaville Teachers Association shall be authorized to set up a VTA Scholarship Fund/account to be used for scholarships for graduating seniors of Vacaville Unified School District. This fund, called the Vacaville Teachers Association Julie Davis Scholarship, shall be funded solely through donations from VTA members and/or fundraising efforts from members and other sources. No dues monies shall be used for this fund/account

1. A small committee of VTA members (2-3) at each high school (Buckingham, Country High/**Kimme Academy**, Vacaville High, and Will C. Wood High) shall be established as the **VTA Site Scholarship Committee(s)**. **Committee Chairs shall inform the VTA Treasurer of the names of those members on their committees.**

2. Graduating seniors may apply through the school’s application process. The application shall include basic information about the student, academic progress, community involvement, financial need and an essay by the student explaining how and why they want to be involved in public education.

3. The Site Scholarship Committee(s) shall choose winners based on the above criteria.

The money shall be awarded in these amounts:

- a. Buckingham: one (1) **\$1500** scholarship
- b. Country High/**Kimme Academy**: one (1) **\$1500** scholarship
- c. Vacaville High: two (2) **\$1500** scholarships each
- d. Will C. Wood High: two (2) **\$1500** scholarships each

4. If there are no applications at a site, the money will be distributed evenly to the other scholarship winners for that year.

5. Site Committees may choose to split scholarships in half (for example, Buckingham may choose two (2) winners of \$750 each).

6. If the VTA Scholarship Fund does not have **\$9000** to give in scholarship money in any given year, then the scholarship amounts will be reduced to reflect

the amount the account has in it. If the fund has more than **\$9000**, than the scholarship amounts shall increase at each site.

7. The Site Scholarship Committee(s) shall report to the Treasurer the following:

- a. Name and Address of each winner
- b. Names of the Site Committee members
- c. Date and Time of the school Awards Ceremony

8. The Treasurer shall send notice of the award to each winner **AFTER** the school awards ceremony. This notice shall also include the requirements of the student to collect the scholarship.

9. Each winner shall provide the Treasurer with the following information:

- a. Proof of current enrollment (half time-full time status) to the winner's college
- b. Instructions as to how the college wants checks made out for deposit into the winner's student account
- c. Mailing address of the college
- d. The winner's student number or permanent number

10. Checks shall only be sent to the winners' student accounts at the college(s) they are enrolled.

11. All scholarships must be claimed by March 1st of the next calendar year. Scholarships that are not claimed by March 1st shall not be disbursed and will be included in the scholarship award amounts the following year.