

**Rep Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 29, 2019 - 3:30-5:30**  
**Jepson Library**

**Members present – Tracy Begley, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Jouli Jara, Todd Blanset, Suzi Morgan, Lisa Cusi, Jaxie Murray, Norma Guerrero, Sylvia Shepard, Allen May, Sofia Calderon, Janet Bungler, Liz High, Chris Cooper, Yvone MiMichele, Cortney Par, Annaliese Vasquez, Kathy Beno, Mike Ensley, Marilyn Jackson, Glen Branaman, Eric Estes, Ariel Ray, Greg Gmahling, Chris Fickes, Kevin O’Leary, Miranda Merino, Phil Greene**

**Members absent – Julie Rodrigues, Becky Wylie, Jasmina Radmanovic, Melissa Mainini, Denise Nelson, Anthony Miranda, Lenore Hubal, Ryan Williams, Brian Speck, Erin Gordon, Matt Benham, Debbie Hennis, Mikayla Waugh, Brittney Wensky**

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

**2 - Approval of the agenda** – the agenda was approved, after state council was added and membership will be combined with the president’s report.

**3 - President’s report:** Tracy reminded delegates to sign the card moving around the room and come very cool VTA history. Her report finished by discussing the proposed UOP reimbursement for SLP’s coming to our district and that our membership is standing strong at 699 members and eight non-members. Dawn Cova then went on to discuss the Wolves in Sheep’s clothing presentation and answered a few questions about the importance of member engagement. Posters were distributed as well.

**4 - Treasurer’s report** -Brenda reviewed the treasurer’s report and it was approved. The report finished by discussing the status of site engagement funds, updated reimbursement forms, which can be found at vacateachers.org.

**5 – Bargaining** - Brenda reported on the upcoming proposed California budget, which is very favorable to public education. Our district enrollment is holding steady and the first session is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. The report finished by discussing the status of upcoming school calendars, suggestions for PE prep time, and solicited feedback from the delegates on both of those concepts. Delegates will solicit feedback on both of these issues and report back at the February rep council.

**6 – Grievance** - Lisa reminded people to be sure to sign up for the how-to-not-get-fired roadshow. The next stop will be at Vaca Pena and the goal is to present at the end of staff meetings over the rest of the year.

**7 - Committee/Chair Written reports**

**-Action:** Corey shared use statistics for the website. Delegates were reminded that, if you want content published to our website, please contact Corey at [coreypenrose@gmail.com](mailto:coreypenrose@gmail.com). Rep council and e-board agendas, and minutes, will be updated soon.

**Motion – recommend to rep council approve a resolution supporting a potential OEA Strike – seconded- approved unanimously**

**Motion – recommend to rep council that we donate a dollar per member to their strike fund that will help OEA teachers during a potential strike – seconded and approve unanimously.**

**-Labor Council:** [Corey shared the year in review post](#) and reminded e-board that the next delegate meeting is every third Wednesday, at six pm, at the CTA offices in Cordelia. All are welcome to attend. The Spring Salute is coming up on April 26<sup>th</sup> as well – if you're interested in attending, please let me know.

**-PAC:** Corey reported that the quarterly filing with the FPPC was due at the end of January. He finished by reminding delegates that, if they know anyone who is interested in running for our school board, please let him know.

**-State Council** – Corey shared the State Council report, [which can be found here](#). He finished by discussing the SLP ideas he and Alyson carried forward, as directed by VTA.

**-Equity Team:** Alyson updated the delegates on various upcoming workshops and reported that she and Eric will begin to share their LGBTQ+ presentation at Buckingham. The report finished by discussing why this presentation is so very important.

**-Member Engagement:** Alyson reported that the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebrations will be held tomorrow at Murillo from 4-7 pm. All are welcome, come on by! The report finished soliciting feedback for other member mixers – and Greg Gmahling is working on a trip to The Black Stallion Winery in Napa!!!

**-Special Ed:** none

**-Leave Bank:** none

**-Julie Davis Scholarship:** none

**- Membership:** covered under president's report.

**- Elections:** Upcoming elections were discussed with the delegates. All of the elections will be done electronically – to personal email addresses. Any member could request a written ballot, but delegates were encouraged to be sure to

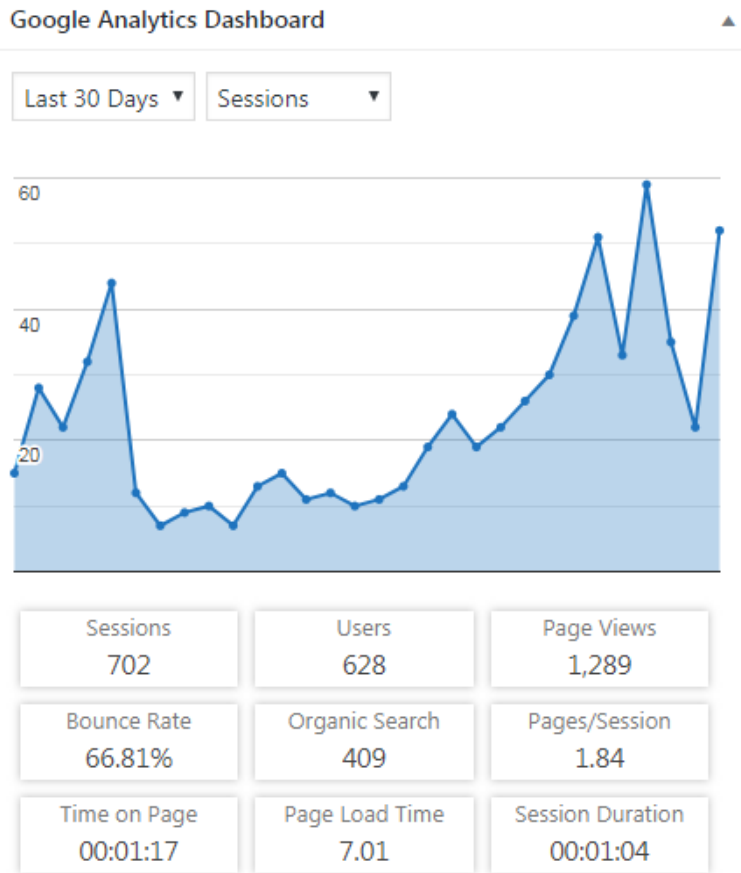
encourage our members to share their personal email addresses so they will receive a ballot.

**8 - New business** - none

**9 – Conference reports** – Reports from the Issues conference were shared with the delegates. The Redwood Educators Conference is coming up on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and delegates were urged to promote it to their members! If you're interested in attending, please visit [vacateachers.org](http://vacateachers.org) for more details.

**10 – Other** – none

**11 – Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 5:13  
Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose



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