

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> Rep Council Meeting Minutes

3:30-5:00 @ Jepson library

**Members present – Moira McSweeney, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Samantha Dubs, Sylvia Aquino, Todd Blanset, Karen Peters, Tracey Begley, Sofia Calderon, Megan Morris, Mike Ensley, Tammy Parker, AnnMarie Woehler, Shannon Garner, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Mark Richarson, Cyndi Marshall, Dorothy Miller, Megan Morris, Lisa Cusi, Becky Wylie, Jennifer Brown, Glen Branaman, Jouli Jara, Erin Gordon, Chris Fickes, Kiley Whalen, Scott Bassett, Sylvia Shepard, Steve Savage, Sharon Riehl**

**Members absent – Karen Beeby, Linda Covey, Helen Blood, Gregg Gallagher, Cathy Valdez, Matt Benham, Julie Timmerman, Cindy Bray, Michelle Fraser, Miranda Merino Kiley**

*After Assembly member Bill Dodd addressed council and discussed the importance of working together to advance education policy which will help every child in our community to be successful...*

1)- Approval of the minutes – the minutes from the previous meeting were approved

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

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

- Displaced pool MOU – has been signed and posted to the website. The pool will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> and there are a total of five displaced teachers. The seniority tiebreaker is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Membership chair – Exec board approved the appointment of Alyson Brauning and Miranda Merino as co-chairs, effective immediately.
- Leave Bank chair – Exec board approved the appointment of Christine Williams as chair, effective July 1st
- Elections – Results for the NEA-RA state positions are available at [www.vacateachers.org](http://www.vacateachers.org) and the election for third state council rep will be held in the last part of April. Materials will be distributed at the next rep council meeting.
- Emerging leaders training – an emerging leaders training will be held in Vacaville, hopefully, on May 18<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.
- Feedback on the early start time – will be taken from site reps and sent to Mark Fraizer.

4) - Treasurer's report – after reviewing the report, discussing expenditures, and taking a few questions the report was approved.

5) - Committee/Chair reports

○ **Action** – Corey reported on the following:

- VTA member recognition – Erin discussed the plan, solicited feedback from members, and

determined next steps.

- **VTA newsletter** – Andrew Hyland will be working to update the newsletter and suggested running through the website, instead of email and sending notification of updated content via Friday email from Moira and social media. Feedback on that idea was taken from council.
- **Member organizing survey** – Corey reviewed the member organizing survey, took feedback from council, and asked site reps to help their members complete the survey located on the front page of [www.vacateachers.org](http://www.vacateachers.org) or at <http://www.vacateachers.org/organizing-plan-feedback-site-reps-please-have-the-folks-at-your-site-share-their-thoughts-here/>
- ***Bargaining*** – After reviewing bargaining update #3, which can be found here <http://www.vacateachers.org/bargaining-update-3-and-ground-rules-for-this-session/>, Brenda took a few questions on the IBB process.
- ***Grievance*** – Sylvia discussed ongoing HR issues across the district.
- ***Equity Team*** – Alyson updated council on the Equity and Human Rights Conference and discussed the importance of ensuring equal rights for all of our members and all of our children. The report finished with a general discussion of CTA caucuses and other advocacy issues.
- ***Health Care*** – Alyson reported that a collection of VTA leaders will be attending a Health Care workshop in May to explore various health options for our membership.
- ***Labor Council*** – Corey updated council on the Spring Salute scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, discussed the donations made by Fairfield, Vallejo, Travis, Napa and made the following motion:

***Motion - Donate 150 dollars to cover the cost of side dishes for the Spring Fling – seconded and approved.***

- ***Member Engagement*** – Alyson discussed the VTA wine and dine scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> and reminded council that space is still available. If members are interested, they should email Alyson via district mail. The next coffee mixer is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at Pure Grain.
- ***PAC*** – Corey reported that candidate interviews have been ongoing and that a potential candidate would like to meet with some VTA officers later this week or after spring break. Corey also collected petitions for the prop 30 extension and distributed some more. He also won an award from CTA for Political coalition building. 😊
- ***Special Ed*** – Tammy discussed ongoing special ed issues around the district and took a few questions from council. Reps were reminded to be sure have special education members complete the interest survey. The report finished with a few questions about the logistics of the survey.
- ***Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship*** - none
- ***Membership*** - none

**6)- Business:**

- ***LCAP input*** – after sharing VTA’s LCAP comments with council, Moira took some more feedback on the LCAP plan for the Vacaville Unified School District for 16-17.

**7) - Conference reports –**

- ***Conference Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll*** – guidelines for professional conduct were discussed and shared with council.

**8) – Other –**

- ***Smoke alarm installs for Rebuilding Solano*** – the installation drive is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and Super Saturday participants will be eligible to participate. The report finished with a general discussion of the logistics of the process. All support is welcome and reach out Glen Branaman if there are any questions.
- ***Vaca Pena enrollment*** – was discussed. Vaca Pena and WCW are expected to be over staffed next year.

**9) – Raffle** – a ten dollar Starbucks gift card and ten dollar Target gift card were won by Shannon Garner and Becky Wiley.

**10) – Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 5:03.

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

