

August 23, 2016 Rep Council Meeting Minutes

3:30-5:00 @ Jepson library

Members present – Corey Penrose, Tracy Begley, Lisa Cusi, Samantha Dubs, Rebecca Wylie, Sofia Calderon, Cindy Bray, Lindsay Richardson, Nina Foster, Chris Fickes, Erin Gordon, Miranda Merino, Brenda Hensley, Megan Morris, Russell Tucker, Julie McGee, Sylvia Aquino, Allen May, Leslie Losberger, Rebecca Pinto, Jennifer Brown, Andrew Bower, Tammy Parker, Cyndi Marshall, Mark Richardson, Sylvia Shepard, Mike Ensley, Navjot Kaur, Dawn Waid, Moria McSweeney, Alyson Brauning, Glen Branaman, Joui Jara

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

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

****Welcome & Introductions/ Expectations for Site Reps*** – WELCOME BACK EVERYONE, Alyson discussed the important roles site reps take in our local, the structure of our union and how you can get things done and any member of our union is welcome to attend!

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

To do list – and our new recorder for that list, Samantha Dubs. The meeting minutes will [also be available here](#).

Updated staff lists – will be coming sent out to reps as our membership changes.

CTA's 403b plan – is now on the approved vendor list and the vendor will be visiting sites this fall. Members will be notified and reminded that we have approved this vendor.

Elementary prep – and the specifics of how the new hires will affect K-6 practices, were discussed. Please contact Moira if there are any questions, or problems, with the implementation of the process

4) - Treasurer's report – After reviewing the treasurer's report, and answering some questions about the financials for 16-17, the report was approved by rep council. Reps were reminded that, if they attend eight of the nine rep council meetings, local dues will be reimbursed in May, so be sure to sign in. The report finished with a discussion of the procedures to follow for reimbursing expenses and the [forms can be found here](#).

5) - Committee/Chair reports:

Action – Corey reported that vacateachers.org should be up to date and we will continue to push them out biweekly newsletters over email for the 16-17 school year. Corey shared some information on the importance of prop 55. Reps are urged to share the video at their school sites and the [video can be found here](#). Finally, directors are reminded to check their

email for the Google doc including the information for their Business cards – please review and edit the doc accordingly.

Bargaining – Brenda reported on the contact language gains this spring. She went on to discuss that money will be the focus for this fall. The unaudited actual reports will be released in mid-September and, once those reports are available, we will determine how much money will be available for our members. The report finished with a general discussion of the financial forecast for the state, the positive ramifications of increased student enrollment in Vacaville Unified School District, and the importance of passing prop 55.

Grievance – Sylvia discussed the process of grieving contractual violations and the importance of VTA members advocating for each other. Reps were reminded that members have the right to invite a site rep into any meeting with site administration and discussed the support available for site reps as we preform this important work. The report finished with a few questions.

Equity Team – Alyson listed the equity team members for 2016-2017 and discussed the importance of civil rights work in our union. If you are interested in serving, please contact Moira.

Health Care – the committee to address health care is being developed and, if you are interested, please contact Moira. The report finished with a discussion of the ongoing costs of health care. Estimates will be available in November and the final costs will be available in December.

Labor Council – Corey discussed the recent visit of VTA member to the CLC and discussed how this partnership will help to build a program to develop the best CTE program in our area. Glen also reported on the bus tour today and promoted the Labor Day Breakfast. For more information, please visit vacateachers.org.

Member Engagement – Alyson reviewed our mixers for 2015-2016 and our schedules of mixers for 2016-2017. She discussed the processes of the member mixers, the amazing prizes available for our members, and the many exciting opportunities to connect with each other this school year!

PAC – After updating council on the 2016 school board race, and outlining the positions taken by the Central Labor Council, the following motion was made:

Motion – endorse the Central Labor Council slate of candidates – seconded and approved

Motion – endorse Solano County measures A and B – seconded and approved

Motion – endorse Chris Fickes in his race for District two of the Solano College Board – seconded and approved

Special Ed – Tammy introduced herself to rep council and reported on various special education issues facing our union. The report finished with a discussion of the VUSD special education committee for 2016-2017. The report finished with news that the special education pool will be discontinued!!!!

Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship – Moira discussed the leave bank and Julie Davis Scholarship fund. The report finished with a few questions. For more information, please [click this](#).

Membership – Miranda and Alyson distributed the membership cards for 2016-2017.

6) - Business:

Proposed By Law Change - to be voted on at the September Rep Council meeting:

VIII. OFFICERS

E. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist in the case of death, resignation, or inability to serve in any of the offices of the Association. If there is a vacancy occurring in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the office, *unless the Representative Council decides by a majority vote to hold a special election To fill the unexpired term of the President. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Other offices, a special election shall be held to elect successors to fill the Unexpired terms.*

Was reviewed and some questions were taken.

Proposed VPEF Kimme Challenge contribution – For more information, please visit this story [from the Vacaville Reporter](#).

Motion – donate 700 dollars to the Vacaville Public Education Foundation for the Kimme challenge – seconded and approved.

7) - Conference reports - the full report of the NEA Representative Assembly can be [found here](#)

8) – Others – Steve Savage distributed pledge cards for prop 55 and discussed the campaign opportunities available this fall to support that important legislation. Please return completed pledge cards to His report finished with a discussion of the Cordelia Instructional Leadership Conference on October 8th and presentation applications were distributed for reps.

9) – Raffle – A ten dollar Target gift card was won by Andrew Bower and Jouli Jara.

10) – Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 5:43...

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

