

Rep Council Meeting Minutes
September 25th, 2018 - 4:08-5:30
Jepson Library

Members present – Tracy Begley, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Jouli Jara, Julie Rodrigues, Todd Blanset, Suzy Morgan, Becky Wylie, Jaxie Murray, Norma Guerrero, Sylvia Shepard, Sofia Felix, Janet Bunger, Liz High, Chris Cooper, Cortney Par, Annalise Vasquez, Kathy Beno, Marilyn Johnson, Glen Branaman, Lisa Cusi, Ariel Ray, Greg Gmahling, Chris Fickes, Matt Benham, Mikayla Waugh, Brittany Wensky, Miranda Merino, Yvonne DiMichelecou

Members absent – Allen May, Melissa Mainini, Denise Nelson, Anthony Miranda, Lenore Hubal, Eric Estes, Ryan Williams, Brian Speck, Erin Gordon, Nancy Anderson-Louie

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

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

3 - President's report - Tracy reported on the following items and requested feedback: informal evaluations, full-inclusion, and full-inclusion issues, at the elementary level, and science/math coaches visiting classrooms. The report finished by discussing issues with IPE at the elementary level and soliciting feedback. The report finished by a discussion of comparing student achievement across school sites and a reminder that open enrollment will close on October 5th. Member were also encouraged to participate a day to the leave bank. Educator of the month assignments were discussed and site-strength forms were distributed to reps.

4 - Treasurer's report - Brenda discussed the financials for 17-18 and the treasurers report.

Motion – approve of the 17-18 financial report – seconded and approved.

Motion – approve the 18-19 budget – seconded and approved.

The report finished by discussing member engagement funds and the upcoming audit.

5 - Committee/Chair reports

-Action: Corey congratulated our latest educator of the week, Michelle Jimenez. Be sure to check out her profile, and the profiles of all of our educators of the week, [here](#). The report finished by discussing the weekly newsletter and soliciting feedback.

-Bargaining: Brenda reported that the last bargaining forum is this Thursday at Jepson. The bargaining forums have been very useful and some questions asked during the forums were shared with the council, focusing on bereavement leave and times for site meetings. The report finished by emphasizing that VTA has ten minutes at the end of each meeting around the district. The report finished by reminding the delegates that all unit members shall have input on the site meetings.

-Grievance: Lisa discussed ongoing issues around the district. Delegates were reminded to be sure to seek input from members on their school sites and to be sure to exercise appropriate professional judgement. The report finished by reminding delegates to be sure to NOT overshare personal information from the district.

-Equity Team: Alyson reported that the equality team will meet on October 10th. The report finished by updating the delegates of the status of the equity presentation which will be discussed on the October 10th meeting and a general conversation on a Title 9 presentation that will be delivered to all of the sites around the Vacaville Unified School District. If unit members or delegates have any equity issues, be sure to reach out.

-Labor Council: Corey reported that campaign season is underway and that regular campaign operations were being set up.

-Member Engagement: Alyson reported that our 48 members, who now have Permanent status, can celebrate on October 8th from 4-6 pm. All members are welcome and, for more information, please visit vacateachers.org. The report finished by updating the delegates on the site visits and the improvements these efforts make to our ongoing member engagement efforts. The next site visits will be held at Cooper and Hemlock. The report finished by discussing our member engagement efforts for the rest of the year and answering a few questions.

-PAC: Corey reviewed the endorsements made during the August rep council meeting and thanked council for supporting John Jansen, Shelley Dally, Michael Silva for the Vacaville School Board and Ginger Dunne for the Solano County Board of education.

Motion – approve the 2018 campaign budget – seconded - approved

The report finished by distributing the member flyers and ten-minute meeting forms. A text from the PAC Chair of Vacaville Fire was shared with with rep council as well.

Motion – reconsider our endorsement in the mayors race – seconded and approved by the required 2/3rds majority

Motion – endorse the CLC slate of candidates for Solano County – seconded – and approved

-Special Ed: none

-Leave Bank: none

-Julie Davis Scholarship: none

- Membership: Tracy reported that we have eight non-members in the district. They will be removed from our email list. The report finished with a update of the ongoing drop mails and our efforts to keep them from VUSD email boxes.

- Elections: open

- CILC update: registration is now open! To sign up, head over to vacateachers.org!

6 – New business- none

7 - Conference reports- Brenda updated the delegates on the Good Teaching Conference and, if you're interested, please attend, we have 20 slots. We also have 5 slots for the new educators conference, please sign up if you're interested. All of this information, and more, is available at vacateachers.org and our Facebook page.

8 – Others – none

9 – Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:33.

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose