

Rep. Council Meeting Minutes
Sept. 22nd by Zoom
3:30-5:00

Members present – Mark France, Corey Penrose, Todd Blanset, Tari Carolle, Annaliese Vasquez, Annamarie Danielson, Anthony Seres, Ariel Ray, Brenda Hensley, Brittany Wensky, Chanie Richard, Chris Cooper, Chris Fickes, Courtney Parr, Daniel Rodriguez, Dawn Kelly, Eric Estes, Ireno Calip, Jacquelyn Murray, Jouli Jara, Jessica Schilder, Jordan Kieschnick, Julie McGee, Julie Rodrigues, Keri Tafuro, Lisa Cusi, Matt Benham, Miranda Merino, Behnaaz Fero, Norma Guerrero-Rubio, Ryan Williams, Shannon Cole, Shanti McClure, Sofia Calderon, Suzi Morgan, Tessa Craig, Yvonne DiMichele, Mikayla Waugh, Michael Pribyl

Approval of the minutes- the minutes were approved, without objection.

Approval of the agenda- the agenda was approved, without objection.

President’s Report: Todd welcomed the new site reps to rep council and discussed the important responsibilities of site reps. He then went onto discuss the latest updates on the COVID-19 closure, emphasizing that we will be meeting with the district to discuss reopening soon. He discussed the various parts of the reopening process and the process for the safe reopening of schools. The idea of a survey of our membership was discussed. Some general ideas for the safe return to school were discussed and some questions/feedback were taken from the body about finding the best path forwards for our all of our students. This section of the report finished by emphasizing that no date for reopening has been set and that a press release/notification is in the process of being developed.

He then went onto discuss the process for open enrollment, reminding members that we need to be sure to sign up with American Fidelity in order to ensure that our medical insurance will continue without interruption.

Todd then discussed the importance of Prop 15 and dispelled some of the lies the opposition is using to undermine the process of ensuring that communities receive the funding we need to make life better for all of us. For more information, [please click here](#).

His report finished by reminding reps to be sure use the ten minutes of VTA time, at the end of staff meetings, to communicate with our members.

Treasurer’s report: Brenda reviewed the treasurers reports from last year, and this year. They were approved, without objection. Her report finished by reviewing the site funds for 20-21 and discussing the process by which site reps could seek reimbursement for monies spent in the performance of their job duties.

Bargaining: Brenda discussed the status of the safe reopening of schools, and the potential issues associated with the reopening. The preliminary meeting is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Members were then reminded that, if they have any feedback about best guidelines to follow with reopening, be sure to contact her ASAP. Her report finished by discussing the many great resources available at the CalPERS website and discussed best practices our members should follow.

Brenda finished the report by discussing the parameters of a proposed contract re-opening with E-Board during our next meeting and addressed some of the general economic issues facing our contract proposal.

Grievance: none

Committee/Chair Reports

Equity Team: none

Member Engagement: none

Labor Council: Corey reported that the mailer from the Labor Council, informing labor households in our area of the endorsements made by labor, is being finalized and will be send soon. There will also be a social media advertisement, informing labor households of labors endorsements for this election cycle.

Action: Corey reminded rep council that our website, and FB page, receive a great deal of traffic. If there's any members would like to have posted on these platforms, please contact Todd. Todd will also be forwarding the email link so our members could canvas themselves about prop 15.

PAC: Ariel reviewed the proposed budget for the 2020 campaign and answered a few questions from our members. It was approved, without objection.

Special Ed: none

Leave Bank: Eric discussed the status of the bookkeeping for the leave bank.

Membership: Tracy Begley is in the process of updating our member lists. They will be done soon, and ready for our site reps to review.

New and continuing business: site reps were reminded that membership cards will be sent with the next issue of the California Educator. The process for receiving a replacement card was reviewed and discussed with the body.

Conference reports: The virtual Region one leadership conference was recently held, and it was very successful

Other: Brenda updated council about the money she'd received as a result of losing her home from the CTA Disaster relief fund.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:56

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose