

# **Rep. Council Meeting Minutes**

**Oct. 20, 2020 by Zoom - 3:30-5:00**

**Members present** – Yvone DiMichele, Corey Penrose, Brenda Hensley, Annmarie Danielson, Ireno Calip, Julie McGee, Suzi Morgan, Bryan Davis, Chris Cooper, Chris Fickes, Cortney Parr, Daniel Rodriguez, Dawn Kelly, Jessica Schilder, Jouli Jara, Julie Rodrigues, Brittney Wensky, Jordan Kieschnick, Michael Pribyl, Eric Estes, Kara Green, Kathy Beno, Mark France, Matt Benham, Mikalya Waugh, Miranda Merino, Norma Guerrero-Rubio, Rachel Bulris, Sofia Calderon, Tari Carolle, Alyson Brauning, Chanie Richard, James VanWormer, Janel Curtis, Lauren Soest, Mrs Wainwright, Jaxie Murray, Ryan Williams, Shanti McClure, Tessa Craig, Anthony Seres, Lisa Cusi, Jerry Eaton, Ms Kidd

**1) Approval of the minutes** – the minutes were approved, without objection.

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

**3) President’s Report** - none

**4) Treasurer’s report** – Brenda reviewed the financial report and answered a few questions. The report was approved, without objection. Her report finished by answering a few questions about the site funds for member engagement.

**5) Bargaining** - Brenda then went onto discuss the COVID tiering, the scope of bargaining, and the process of ratifying the MOU regarding the reopening of our schools. She then went onto discuss the various safety protocols and how those protocols would be implemented on our school sites. Her report went onto discuss the ongoing issues, and the closing/reopening criteria, for schools around the district. Lunch protocols and various site-specific practices were also discussed in greater detail. The report finished with some additional questions/discussion on COVID-19 safety, political issues, potential timelines, and the safest practices for our local to follow as we navigate this process.

Key highlights of the question/answers were on the topics of the virtual academy, the details of the interactive process, seniority with the virtual learning process, the importance of mitigating K-6 combos, and various potential contingencies for the safe reopening of our schools.

**6) Grievance** – Lisa reported that there have been over 100 interactive meeting requests with the district, and more are expected.

**7) Committee/Chair Reports:**

**-Equity Team:** Alyson reported that the equity team will be meeting on Thursday with Steven Power to discuss the important work of social justice for 20-21.

**-Member Engagement:** Alyson reported that she's has been working to develop updated site rep lists so her team can begin to implement member engagement programs. The report finished with a general conversation about the site reps and directors.

**-Labor Council:** Corey reported that the endorsement mailer should be arriving at labor households in Vacaville, if it hasn't already done so.

**-Action:** Corey discussed the recent arrival of digital membership cards in our emails. His report finished by reminding the council that, if they have any content they'd like shared on any of our digital profiles, please contact Todd or him. The council was also reminded to check attendance in the minutes, in case he missed anyone. ;-)

**-PAC:** Corey showed site reps how to find information about our endorsed candidates at vacateachers.org. His report finished with a reminder that the PAC fund is used to fund education campaigns about school board members who have been vetted by this body

**-Special Ed:** none

**-Leave Bank:** none

**-Membership:** none

**8) New and continuing business:**

**Motion – direct the VTA President write a letter to the UCD school of Education administration showing support for the current teacher preparation program – approved without objection**

**Motion – continue an email campaign contacting the board, sharing our concerns about the safe reopening of Vacaville’s Schools – approved without objection**

**9) Conference reports-** none

**10) Other** – members were reminded to attend conferences, since they are all free and virtual for the 20-21 school year. For more information, please visit <https://www.ctago.org>. State Council will also be held this weekend and a report about what happened at council will be shared at the November meeting.

**11) Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 4:58.

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose