

Rep Council Meeting Minutes
December 8th, 2015 - 3:30-5:00
Jepson library

Members present – Sharon Riehl, Julie McGee, Russ Tucker, Annmarie Woehler, Mike Ensley, Glenn Branaman, Jennifer Brown, Scott Blanset, Brenda Hensley, Miranda Merino, Michele Fraser, Megan Morris, Lisa Cusi, Samantha Dubs, Lotty Kanemoto, Sofia Calderon, Todd Blanset, Julie Rodrigues, Kiley Walen, Corey Penrose, Megan Morris, Becky Wylie, Tracey Begley, Cathy Valdez, Sylvia Aquino, Erin Gordon, Chris Fickes, Helen Blood, Mark Richardson

Members absent – Karen Peters, Tammy Parker, Dawn Waid, Karen Beeby, Linda Covey, Cyndi Marshall, Gregg Gallagher, Matt Benham, Greg Gmahling, Cindy Bray,

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

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

3) - President's report – Moira reported on the following issues and took some questions. For more specifics, please see the detailed president's report on the back of the agenda.

- *Sierra Vista reopening/renaming*
- *MOU on 180 minute day for K*
- *Early notification Incentive MOU*
- *Extended day K at Fairmont*
- *Learning Center Model pilot at Sierra Vista*
- *Special Ed Study report*
- *Educator Effectiveness Funds*
- *Classroom Funds*
- *Late start time for secondary*
- *Grading Committee (Secondary)*

The following issues were added to the report and discussed with rep council

- *Sub emergency* – members were reminded to ensure that their sites follow protocol during sub shortages. When a sub emergency is declared, Moira will be called and she will ensure that protocol is followed.
- *Schedule K MOU about sub pay for part-time unit members*– was reviewed and

discussed. There have been some issues with the implementation, but the issues should be addressed with the January pay warrant.

4) - Treasurer's report – After reviewing the treasurer's report, and taking a few questions, the report was approved. Our yearly audit is also going along according to plan.

5) - Committee/Chair reports

Action – Corey shared website traffic for the last 30 days and discussed the Kimme and ESEA reauthorization projects. For additional details, please see the supplemental information below. Directors are reminded to our members to vacateachers.org so they may participate in both of these action alerts. The report finished with a reminder to be sure to fill in all four items of the sign-in sheet.

Bargaining – Brenda reported that there will be a general membership meeting on January 19th at 3:45 at the WCW library to share salary comparisons. The bargaining survey will be distributed at the January 26th rep council.

Grievance – Sylvia reported the issues of safety versus the school-to-prison pipeline and speciation education communication/retention issues.

Equity Team – none

Health Care – we will be receiving health care rates for 2016 in the last week of fall semester.

Labor Council – Corey discussed some upcoming events and the hiring of the CLC's field coordinator for the 2016 campaign. For a complete list of events, see the supplemental information below.

Member Engagement – Alyson reminded reps that there's no better way to celebrate that we are "half way there" than to celebrate together! Join your VTA colleagues at Murillos on Tuesday, December 15th from 3:30 – 5:00 for Taco Tuesday. For more information, please visit <http://www.vacateachers.org/taco-tuesday-is-on-december-15th/>. Various trustees and other elected officials will be in attendance.

PAC – Corey reported that candidate recruitment is ongoing and reminded e-board to refer any potential candidates to the PAC committee. Jon Riley will also be holding a candidate training seminar for potential elected officials on January 28th.

Special Ed – none.

Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship – none

Membership – Julie reported that we have 635 FTE's and 3 agency fee payers.

6) - Business: No new business items

7) - Conference reports – a report from the LGBT conference was shared with council and some

questions were taken.

8) – Other-

Motion – director our state council reps to submit a NBI opposing Trump’s, divisive, hateful rhetoric – seconded and approved unanimously.

Nominations for the teacher of the year – some questions on the requirements were taken and discussed.

California Math Council Liaison – was discussed.

PAC – there we no opt-outs this year!

Markham – has a great breakfast to celebrate reaching the halfway point in the year, great job Sofia! We have \$6.50 to spend for member outreach, reps were remained to be sure to spend the funds.

9) – Raffle – two ten dollar target gift cards were won by Sofia Calderon and Chris Fickes

10) – Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

Supplemental Information

Website traffic for the last three years:

Months and Years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2013		989	1,010	1,235	1,538	735	1,326	1,396	2,203	3,250	2,700	1,322	17,704
2014	1,466	1,604	1,791	2,147	3,075	1,325	994	2,562	1,857	1,804	1,734	1,532	21,891
2015	2,484	5,086	5,850	5,982	2,678	2,550	3,669	2,711	1,570	1,284	755	34	34,653

Average per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Overall
2013		45	33	41	50	25	43	45	73	105	90	43	54
2014	47	57	58	72	99	44	32	83	62	58	58	49	60
2015	80	182	189	199	86	85	118	87	52	41	25	0	104

Our second moveon.org petition:

Sierra Vista, a soon-to-be K-8 campus on Bel Air Drive in Vacaville, should be renamed after the late Ernest Kimme, the widely respected educator, civic leader and regular columnist in the Vacaville Reporter!

There are currently 170 signatures. NEW goal - We need 200 signatures!



PETITION BACKGROUND

In the words of Ernest's wife, Margi, at a recent school board meeting, "Ernest would be really touched by this, [and] he would also say, 'This is too much,'" she added, a reference to her husband's humility and selflessness, evinced over the years as an eighth-grade math teacher, city councilman, a member of countless city and county boards, and his ceaseless advocacy for public education in Vacaville.

"He loved Vacaville," Stern said of her husband, who died in August at age 60.

"Above that, he loved Vacaville Unified."

CURRENT PETITION SIGNERS

170. **Rachel Marshall-Gagon** from Saratoga Springs, UT signed this petition on Dec 1, 2015.

169. **Angela Strickland** from Temecula, CA signed this petition on Nov 30, 2015.

168. **Lauren Runow** from Vacaville, CA signed this petition on Nov 30, 2015.

167. **Heather Pedersen** from Vacaville, CA signed this petition on Nov 30, 2015.

This is a must! Ernest was the BEST and loved and gave so much to our School District and it's teachers and students!

Upcoming CLC Events 2015

- UWLG meets EVERY 3rd Tuesday, 9 am at the Teamsters Hall, Vallejo (Tuesday, January 19th)
- Napa-Solano CLC E Board & Delegates meet EVERY 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm at the CTA office, 4751 Central Way, Fairfield (Wednesday, December 16th)
- December 11th, Reception for Yamada, The Patterson Home, 1215 West 2nd St., Benicia. 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- December 12th IAFF Local 1186 along with our Solano-Napa Firefighters Foundation 2015 Charity Winter Ball, Benicia Clock Tower, 1189 Washington St., Benicia. 5:00 – 11:00 pm.
- December 14th Assembly member Bill Dodd's Annual Holiday Party & Golf Tournament, Silverado Resort, 1600 Atlas Peak Rd., Napa. 11:30 am Shot gun start, 5:30 pm Dinner.
- December 15th, Susan Bonilla Holiday Breakfast, Contra Costa Country Club, 801 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill. 8:30 am.
- January 2nd, Jim Frazier's Lobster Dinner, Good Shepard Church, 3200 Harbor t., Pittsburg. 5:30 pm
- January 9th Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council Annual Crab Feed, Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. 5:30 pm.
- February 6th, Democratic Women in Action Quarterly Luncheon, Stars Recreation Center, 155 Browns Valley Pkwy., Vacaville. 12:00 – 2:00 pm
- February 12th, Congressman John Garamendi Crab Feed, Ulati Community Center, 1000 Ulati Dr., Vacaville. 5:30 pm
- March 14th & 15th Joint Legislative Conference, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento.
- July 20th & 21st Biennial Convention, Oakland Marriott City Center, Oakland
- Democratic Central Committee meets EVERY 4th Wednesday, 7 pm at The Government Center, Fairfield.
- Democrats of Napa Valley Club meets EVERY 2nd Monday, 7 pm, Napa.

