

Alpine Education Association Rep Meeting
October 5, 2009 4:15 pm
Lehi High School
MINUTES

Present:

David Cichoski, Marsha Hazelbaker, Craig Knight, Bryce Shelley, Scott Blood, Scott Barlow, Linda Bushman, Charlotte McKell, Bartley Nicholes, Renae Bell, Tamera Makin, Joan Jensen, Derek Smith, Holly Clayton, BetteJo McLelland, Heather Jensen, Bart Farnsworth, Mark Morrison, Patricia Nielsen, Patti Greaves, Connie Ugaki, Scott Strong, John Truesdell, Patrick Jackson, Barbara Steele, Bob Turner, Karen Schlosser, Julia Stanger, Mary Greer, Reid Holyaok, Arlene Nicholls, Steve Demmin, Ann Mitchell, Cheryl Colyar, Geoffrey Busby, Ed Sanderson, Ann Fillmore, Beth Elmer, Kathryn Wachsmann, Camille Hone, Cynthia Cardenas, Laurie Bradley, Linda Hadfield, Amanda Iverson, Leisha Barrus, Bruce Teuscher, Mike Gowans, Marla Hendrickson, Albert McPerson, Stuart Duncan, Kristen Cottrell, Lois Johnson, Bob Aders, Linda Hadfield, Jerry Monson, Suzie Makin, Gland Anderson, and Bruce Wathen.

Absent:

Dan Griffey, Nancy Blackburn, Patrick Gleaves, Melanie Neilsen, Corrine Haynie, Penni Glazier, Ross Durrant, Janys Hutchings, Janna Kunz, Robert Aiman, Doug Wagstaff, Diantha Smith, Cassandra Daugherty, Tami Beach, Nerese Nielsen, Alice Sumsion, Stephen Greene, John Paynter, Gary Peaslee, Dan Glaun, Holly Foote, Patrick Fossat, Dominique Replogle, Elizabeth Dutcher, Brian Saxton, Marti Read, Doris Baker, Marilyn Moore, Richard Soto, Greg Ramstedt, William Johanson, Jolynn Wright, Lisa Vera, Mike O'Connor, Chelsie Dietz, Elaine Marshall, Margo Ungritch, Scott Willis, Jo Leigh Porter, Sherry Duncan, and Pam Engles.

Welcome and Introductions

Mike Gowans welcomed everybody to the Rep meeting and thanked Bruce Wathen for the cookies.

Local Concerns

Question 1: What do the new teachers need to do if they get the Swine Flu and they only have seven sick days to use? It has been mandated by the health department and the school nurse that if they do come down with the swine flu they must stay home for at least a week.

Answer: Mike has made a call to the district and will get back to the reps with an answer.

Question 2: An issue has been brought up just today on professional development days, the issue being that the association did not want to put any professional development days on the calendar for this year. Is this true?

Answer: Yes, that is true, but the reason why the association did request not to have professional development days was to save the money for Insurance.

Question 3: What is the latest update on our retirement?

Answer: Chris Watkins spoke on the latest update. Telling everyone that the retirement system has to have a 50 % increase to get back what it has lost this last year. There has been a lot of suggestion to how this could take place. The suggestions are to change the multiplier, to only go with a 401k program, and others would like to do away with the retirement system completely. Chris Watkins would rather see the 401k program than to do away with the multiplier. The majority on the committee does not want to do away with the retirement.

Question 4: Who is on the retirement committee?

Answer: Legislatures, Representatives and Senators.

Mike said to keep in mind there will be all sorts of rumors going around. Just remember after it passes the committee it would still need to go to executive appropriations. Mike will keep the reps posted with the correct updates.

Horace Mann

Bruce Wathen talked about the importance of a Roth IRA. He also asked the reps to shop around and get some auto quotes to make sure they are getting the best bang for their buck.

Bruce reminded everyone that the end of October is quickly approaching and if you have not yet entered the sweepstakes to do so soon, do not miss out on the chance to win up to \$10,000.00.

Minutes

Mike asked everyone to look over the minutes from September 14th meeting. A motion was made to accept the September minutes as written.

M: Beth Elmer, Pony Express Elementary
S: Bob Aders, Saratoga Shores Elementary
Motion Passed

Food Drive

Erica and Jim from the food bank were in attendance at meeting. Erica spoke about the food drive and told the reps that the Utah Schools brought in three million dollars last year, she thanked them all for their hard work and time they spent to help aide in this great program. There are sixty schools in Utah County that are still not participating, she asked them to jump on board and help out if possible. Our goal is to get everybody to help with this.

Membership

Membership Goal: One new member per school before November 6th.

A rep requested a prorated dues table and was told it could be found on the website at www.bonneville.org or at <http://www.bonneville.org/alpine/>.

PAC

Bob Turner asked to include the non members in the PAC drive. Please just give a buck. One dollar is all that is being asked for PAC. This is separate from membership. He also asked the reps to please attend the caucus meetings. We can help by getting letters, brochures etc. out. Tim Osborn is the only candidate up for election this year. The AEA Board will let the reps know if they want to do a recommendation. Sometimes it is safe to not recommend.

Power School / Skyward

Mike asked everyone how they were liking Skyward, the new grading system being used by the district. Those on Skyward are happy, those who are not on Skyward are not happy, they are doing it all on paper the old fashion way. It is divided by A, B, C and D, with A and B being the first to finish with the install and are up and running in good condition. Some schools received some time off today for their extra efforts and time they put in to getting Skyward up and running. The schools that fall into the C and D category will also get the same benefit in the future if they have not received it yet. It was noted some of the C schools did get time off also today from their professional development day. Secondary schools will have to wait until next year.

SET TRAINING

The dates this year for SET training are October 6th, 3:30 p.m. at Westlake High for Secondary, October 20th, 4:15 p.m. at Foothills Elementary for Elementary, October 22nd, 4:00 p.m. at American Fork Jr. High for Secondary, and November 17th, 4:15 p.m. at Foothills Elementary for Elementary. Teachers will only need to attend one. SET training will be free to all members. Non members are charged \$5.00.

PRAXIS TRAINING

Bonneville UniServ does the training for the Praxis exam. Please post the flyer for your teachers. Dates this year are October 20, 2009 and March 25, 2010 both at 4:00 p.m. at Bonneville UniServ. There is no charge to members. Non members will be charged \$10.00.

BENEFIT FAIRS

November 12 @ Lindon Elementary from 2-6, November 19 @ AFJR from 2-6, November 24 @ District Office from 2-6.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

M: Bartley Nicholes, Greenwood Elementary
S: Linda Hadfield, Eaglecrest Elementary
Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned

**** NEXT REP MEETING: Monday, November 2 2009, Lehi High ****