

# LEA Rep Council

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January 4, 2010  
Straw Hat Pizza  
3:45 p.m.

Members present: (**bold** are present and normal are absent) **Dave Behling, LaBelle Foster, Poppy Holmes, Sharon Johnson**, *reps:* **Frank Beede, Rick Dunn, Norma Equinoa, Katie Libby, Lizet Nuno, Scott Pennington**, Le Ann Risch, **Jennifer Wilson, Kevin Allen, Jessica Banchieri, Chad Dalmas, Mark Gates, Spencer Holmes, Barbara Worden, Beth Decker, Jim Key, Heidi Osborn, Nancy Salsig, Trina Samnath, Julie Swenson, Gretchen Tovar, Mark Johnson, Debbie Clawson, Megan LeValle, Aprill Nogarr** *Non-rep members:*

2 min Welcome

Approve Agenda: three additions: a discussion about pizza orders, class size remedy details, membership report. Agenda approved with no further discussion.

5 min Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$19,922.86. We spent most money on the holiday parties. Liberty spent \$1,031.70, Heritage spent \$1,052.99 Freedom spent \$1,471.58, and Ind. spent \$58.15. There was a question about our spending and how much we need to keep in reserve. We need to do a budget (exec. board). Sharon Johnson

30 min President's Report: LaBelle Foster

**Transition:** LaBelle finds herself in the position of interim president due to resignation of D. Behling however there are opportunities for new people to join the ranks of our leadership and to move into leadership positions soon. There will be elections shortly.

**City of Brentwood:** Eric Volta passed on some responses by the city regarding some Liberty employee concerns with the constant noise, dust, access, and inconvenience from the construction on the park property near the school. Access is a completely different issue. Auto shop is completely cut off for students to bring their vehicles there, which is a problem for our elective program, and no solution has come up that is safe for our students.

**Accountability:** Board policy states that the district has the right to use multiple means of assessment in order to make determination of students learning. There are many parts to the issue. Teachers wondered whether we must use the assessments produced and provided by the district. The answer from Mr. Volta was "yes" and he quoted board policy BP6010. There are also legal references in Ed. code cited in board policy as well. The evaluation question that goes along with that was also referenced this way. Board policy is now available

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through our school computers and they have been adding an icon to our desktops to access this document in our classrooms.

**SB 19 and Race to the Top (RTT):** There was a MOU request from the district regarding the state's plan to offer a whole lot of money (Race to the Top). This MOU is complicated and a first step toward a series of changes that the Feds (Arne Duncan) are making toward education.

**Pizza order for lunch meetings:** each site will handle their own lunch orders for Wednesday lunch meetings.

**Class size remediation:** We want to know if there is a form for class size remedy for people with more than 35 or 32 for some classes in each class, or total student load over 192 total. There was a form to use that was sent out at the end of last year and we are wondering if there will be a form sent out again for us to use to make the calculation. It is calculated by the average of the beginning and end of semester (see the contract for the exact language). Eric Volta will be asked about this shortly. (note: Eric Volta did send out a reply email to everyone as of a few minutes ago as I prepare to send out these minutes. This was in response to the questions we asked. We encourage everyone with larger class sizes to follow-up with this).

**Membership:** (D. Clawson) Some people still don't have membership cards and she has some change cards but please go on to CTA.org and fix it yourself. There is a membership help section on the page and you can do an email to them to ask about this. There is a number they can call also for taking care of this: 650 697 1400. You can still send in the request cards to Deborah but it is easier to take care of it directly through the CTA. Debbi Clawson will be happy to answer any questions directed toward her as well.

Bargaining team report: Tim Mc Hugh, we are not currently negotiating.  
5 min. Old Business:

## 20 min      **Site Reports**

Freedom: Happy.  
Heritage: Happy???

Independence: Happy  
LaPaloma: Officially not getting the new site. They will be getting some new carpet and possibly some other "upgrades" that are not quite what is needed there. The district sold the land that LaPaloma is sitting on and so they are currently renting this space.

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Liberty: We got a nice letter thanking us for the lovely luncheon/ holiday party. We all should be concerned about social networking sites and the legal ramifications. CTA has been repeatedly suggesting us to push for policy about use of social networking sites and student "sexting" and other similar issues for the district and also to be aware of the differences. Byron did create a board policy recently that helps cover some of these issues.

Adjournment: 4:58 pm

Agenda for Wednesday Lunch Meetings:

1. Be careful with social networking and similar technology.
2. membership questions.
3. class size remedy- please make the claims.
4. specific site questions or other issues we need to address?