

TALB Representative Council Meeting Agenda

UAW Local 148 Hall

February 23rd, 2010

- I. Call to Order- 4:15 PM
- II. 10 Minute Meetings in Board Areas
- III. Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2010
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Larry Acterman Award
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a. Bargaining Update
 - b. District Budget/Layoff Update
 - c. March 4th Action Day
- VII. Action Items
 - a. Board Recommendation of Jeff Price for District 1 School Board Seat
- VIII. Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Executive Director's Report
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. Special Education Task Force- Sherry Geller-Vogeli, Monica Rogerson
 - b. Awards/Events- Pam Oehlman
 - c. Membership- Michelle Shipp
 - d. EMAC- Virginia Torres
 - e. National Board- Laura Kusaba
 - f. Elections- Susan Hubbs, Wendy Orkin
 - g. Advocates- Sharon Iverson
 - h. Librarian Task Force
 - i. State Council Report
- X. Parking Lot Questions
- XI. Door Prizes
- XII. Adjournment

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January 26th, 2010

- I. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.
- II. BOD members held 10 Minute Meetings with their area Reps.
- III. Lucinda Welsch and Jeff Cahn moved to approve minutes of November 24th, 2009. Motion passed.
- IV. Lucinda Welsch and Robin Alber moved to adopt the Agenda. Motion passed.
- V. Larry Acterman was awarded to Janice Law.
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a. Bargaining Update-Barry reported that the Bargaining Team met with the District twice to go over proposals. The District wants to do three things; reduce salaries, cap health benefits, and get rid of class size reduction. He mentioned that at last week's BOE meeting, the CFO Kim Stallings presented data regarding the number of administrators and teachers (see UPDATE for numbers). TALB will use this data as leverage if/when they ask to cap our health benefits and cut salaries. We will ask them to look at their management to non-management ratios. The district should have a response regarding our transfer and reassignment proposal.
 - b. State/District Budget Update-Joe Boyd said that we won't know what the state budget is going to be until probably next month. \$2.5 billion cuts in education at the federal level. It looks like the District will need to cut \$40 million this year and another \$40 million next year. So far, the District has survived on their categorical reserves and the one time stimulus money. Once they run out they have to start cutting programs. We know that they're going to cut staff, but we will continue to remind them that they can't fix this problem by cutting health benefits and salaries. The superintendent is also pushing for flexible funding- we are not against this but they have to make sure they clarify what they mean- we need to know who is going to get hurt.
 - c. March 4th Action Day- Kevin Quinn said that this is a statewide day of action. The purpose is to protest all the education funding cuts. \$17billion have been cut on education funding, 20,000 teachers lost their jobs statewide, and CSU tuition has increased by 32% and UC is up 10%. He said that we need to address state funding, and we need to get people out for this event. Details are being worked on and they should have them out soon.
 - d. Board of Education Results/Interviews-Mike said that David Barton is running unopposed. Richard Lewis did not win but we are looking forward to work with John McGinnis. He had lunch with him last week, and he seemed very interested to get our perspective. Mary Stanton's seat is also up for re-election and she has a candidate opposing her (Jeff Price). TALB has no commitment to any candidate yet, but we will be interviewing them on Feb 4th. The BOD will interview the candidates and submit a recommendation to Rep Council for approval of endorsement next month.
 - e. "Nurse of the Year" Nominations- Lynette Talbot announced that the Nurse of the Year award nominations are due April 2nd. Last year winner's Debra Farnum was featured on January's CTA Educator.

VII. Action Items-no action items.

VIII. Reports

- a. President's Report- Mike talked about the March 4th organizing for state wide issues. He said it is vital to apply pressure to the legislature to prevent any more education cuts.
- b. Treasurer's Report- Davina went over financial reports. She said that the loan from CTA is paid off. Monica Rogerson and Jeff Cahn moved to receive and file financial reports. Motion approved. She also announced that there is an opening for the finance committee seat for the Wilson area.
- c. Executive Director's Report- Joe talked about the TALB audit. He said that we had the highest ranking score that we could get. Secondly, he thanked Gina and Lisa for bringing up an issue at Prisk Elementary. The administrator was advocating for furloughs and advising teachers to take them. A letter was sent to her advising her to abstain from having such conversations with teachers. This type of talk interferes with good faith negotiations and is a violation of the EERA.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Special Education Task Force- Sherry Geller-Vogeli, Monica Rogerson- they met with Connie Jensen and Christopher Steinheuser. The minutes were mailed already. Their next meeting is on February 16th at Carver at 3:15pm. She also mentioned that she has a newly revised Mandatory Minutes form. So, teachers won't be required to have a time card filed with it. The form is available on the TALB website.
- b. Awards/Events- Pam Oehlman thanked everyone who attended the MLK parade. She reminded everyone that Nominations for TALB Awards are due on March 26th and for the TALB Scholarships on March 31st, to go to the TALB website for the paperwork. She also announced that the Awards Banquet will be on June 3rd.
- c. Membership- Michelle Shipp advised everyone to check their membership roster and update us with any changes such as site or name changes, or missing teachers. She announced that we have Angels' tickets for Friday, May 14th, for \$24. She also said that the dues are posted on the website for tax purposes, they're still working on the TALB t-shirts, and to read "The Advisor" for financial advise. She announced that the book club is up and running- the 1st book they're reading is called "The Global Assault on Teachers and their Union".
- d. EMAC- Virginia Torres thanked everyone who attended MLK and said that they had a fantastic time. She reminded everyone that CTA also offers scholarships for teachers and their dependents.
- e. National Board- Laura Kusaba- no report.
- f. Elections- Susan Hubbs, Wendy Orkin reminded everyone to pick up their ballots. They're due next Friday, Feb 5th by 4:30 p.m. The ballots will be counted on Saturday, and if anyone wants to help counting ballots let her know. Also, NEA/RA elections forms will be available at next Rep council.
- g. Advocates- Sharon Iverson went over the survey form-they're due on Friday, February 5th, to please post the hot pink flyer it has all the dates and info about the survey. She also requested

some volunteers to count and sort. She announced that results will be available at the February Rep council meeting, and each school must have at least 50% of their teachers returned them for results to be published. However, the results for all schools will be available at the TALB office.

h. State Council Report— Virginia talked about the Read Across America Packet, and said that State Standards should be passed in February.

i. Librarian Task Force- no report.

X. Parking Lot Questions

XI. Door Prizes: Jorge Ramos, Jeff Cahn, Rob Strader, Ronnie Evans, Judith Kaho, Cliff Kusaba.

XII. Gina and Lisa moved to adjourn. Adjournment at 5:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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