

**San Ramon Valley Education Association
Representative Council Meeting - San Ramon Valley High School
Monday, January 12, 2009 - 3:45 P.M.**

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** President Darren Day called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.
2. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Absentees were Del Amigo, San Ramon HS, and Venture
3. **Approval of Minutes – 12/8/08**
 - Minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Directors' Meetings with Reps / Update members on last month's issues**
 - The Directors' meetings were cut short due to the long agenda.
5. **Directors Share out (1 High School, 1 Middle School, 2 Elementary School)**
 - No share out due to time constraints.
6. **President's Report**
 - A. **Good Teaching Conference**
 - Excellent 3-day conference with sessions on a variety of topics. Marie Morgan is requesting that all attendees voluntarily meet and discuss possible staff develop ideas garnered at the conference.
 - B. **Bargaining**
 - Closing Contract: Darren is requesting each site hold a 10-minute meeting re: bargaining. CTA is suggesting that all districts end their bargaining and close the contract to protect themselves from “take backs” due to the current budget crisis. The current contract will ride until the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Negotiations will end and the contract will close the end of January.
 - C. **NEA-RA, June 30 - July 7, 2009 in San Diego**
 - The “declaration of candidacy” for the NEA/RA is included in the packet this month. Jan Engberg gave a short description of what the NEA/RA encompasses and encouraged individuals to run as a state delegate. CTA pays for those candidates that are elected as state delegates. SRVEA has budgeted to pay for 3 local candidates.
7. **Treasurer's Report**
 - No Treasurer's report this month.
8. **Old Business**
 - A. **Retiree Benefits Trust - Cal PERS**
 - Ann Katzberg put together a flier with information explaining why it was financially beneficial to put our Retiree Benefits Trust money in CalPERS.
 - B. **SRVEA Website Update**
 - Laura Finco did a presentation explaining our new SRVEA website.
 - C. **SRVEA logo competition**
 - There were about 6 contributions for the logo contest. The communications committee will meet and pick the top 2 or 3 entries to present to the Executive Board.

D. School Board Meeting

- An updated schedule is included in the Rep packet. Each school should send 2 or 3 people on their scheduled meeting night. The agenda is always on line. Action items come first, followed by consent items.

9. New Business

A. Budget Crisis - Call to Action

- It is time to galvanize and begin taking action regarding the budget crisis. Each site should use their staff sign-up sheet to determine who will be doing what. There is information in the Rep packet about a letter writing campaign and sample letters to legislators at <http://capwiz.com/nea/ca/home>. Darren will have SRVEA pay the postage. Teachers should use their home address to write to their representative.
- Another group of staff members should be contacting parents. There is a flier in the Rep packet that can be reproduced to handout to parents. Each site should choose one afternoon to handout fliers at dismissal time. Darren will have the fliers copied for us and will include specific instructions. Do not send this information through email. The information needs to be leafleted to parents. Have a conversation with the site administrator before leafleting.
- CTA does not plan any action in Sacramento. They have provided a timeline of statewide political activities through February 15th. This includes walkouts into communities telling stories about how the budget cuts will affect individual neighborhood schools.
- The Reps are the conduits of information. They need to bring all the stakeholders together and be a leader to galvanize the staff into action.

10. Committee Reports

11. Announcements

- a) Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- No School - 1/19/09
- b) Executive Bd Mtg – 2/2/09
- c) Rep Council Mtg –2/9/09
- d) School Board Meetings – 1/13, 1/27 & 2/10/09

12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.