



REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

20 March 2013

MINUTES

I. Welcome and call to order

The following schools and departments signed in:

Bartlett H.S., Canton, Centennial, Center House, Century Oaks, Channing, Clinton, Coleman, Creekside, Eastview,, CSP – Moving on/Swep, Elgin H.S., Ellis, Garfield, Gifford Street H.S., Glenbrook, Hanover Countryside, Hawk Hollow, Heritage, Highland, Hillcrest, Hilltop, Horizon, Huff, Independence, Instructional Coaches, Kenyon Woods, Larkin H.S., Larsen, Laurel Hill, Lincoln, Lord's Park, Lowrie, McKinley, Nature Ridge, Oakhill, Ontarioville, Ottercreek, Ridge Circle, Sheridan, Social Workers, South Elgin H.S., Spring Trail, Streamwood H.S, Sunnysdale, Sycamore Trails, Tefft, Timber Trails, TMP – ESC, Washington, Wayne and Willard.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the February 20th, 2013 Representative Assembly were brought forward. There were no changes and the minutes were approved.

III. Those Who Excel and Scholarship Bowl

Raffle tickets were passed out to Reps and updates were given on the status of baskets and fundraising.

IV. U-46 New HR System

Beth

V. President Updates

Kathy gave a few updates on the pertinent issues she is dealing with at this time.

The Virtual Charter School made their presentation to the School Board. This particular Charter is presenting at many different districts. The School Board may reject the proposal; however the ISBE has a review board that may overturn that rejection. Members may be called to action in the future. Another Charter is currently working on their presentation for a grassroots Charter for Elgin.

Transfer/reassignment timelines have been adjusted. Principals were asked to forward the timelines to their staff. The timeline is also available on the ETA website.

Grassroots Political Action: Pensions are on the agenda for Springfield. Updates available on the IEA website. School Board elections are coming up in April. The candidate forum the ETA co-organized and is available for streaming on the U-46 website. The ETA has recommended 2 candidates for the school board. Incumbent Donna Smith and Gary Percy are the ETA endorsed candidates for April 9th.

Restructuring Update: 10 schools have fallen under restructuring according to No Child Left Behind. ETA was asked to be a part of the plan for restructuring to allow the district more time to create a new plan, as the first plan submitted by the district had been rejected.

ETA has been a part of discussions in the proposed restructuring plan. Discussion continues at this time.

VI. Bam

The monthly BAM drawing was held. Tina Bolton from Gifford Street H.S. won. Jen Strasser from Ridge Circle also won. ETA leadership will be arranging a visit to that site.

VII. Questions

- A. Other
- B. Transfer Reassignment: Statutory groupings must be entered previous to March 15th. Pre-tenured teachers who do not have a rating are automatically put into group 1. Those people can have their grouping changed 45 days before the end of the school year. Jack and Kathy fielded many questions about the process for the reps.
- C. Restructuring: 10 schools are in restructuring. Concerns voiced during the question time included the impact of mandatory ESL certification in those 10 schools and the addition of the 75 minutes a week collaboration time. Many specific questions were asked about the schools and what the future holds for restructured schools in the future.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah R. Madson
Secretary