



REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

19 March 2014

MINUTES

I. Welcome and call to order

The following schools and departments signed in:

Abbot, Bartlett H.S., Canton, Centennial, Channing, Clinton, Coleman, Creekside, Eastview,, Elgin H.S., Ellis, Fox Meadow, Garfield, Gifford Street H.S., Glenbrook, Hanover Countryside, Harriet Gifford, Hawk Hollow, Health Services, Heritage, Highland, Hillcrest, Hilltop, Horizon, Independence, Instructional Coaches, Kimball, Larkin H.S., Larsen, Laurel Hill, Liberty, Lincoln, Lord's Park, McKinley, Nature Ridge, Oakhill, Ontarioville, Ottercreek, Parkwood, PrairieView, Ridge Circle, Sheridan, South Elgin H.S., Spring Trail, Streamwood H.S, Sunnysdale, Sycamore Trails, TEI, Timber Trails, Washington, and Wayne.

The RA observed a moment of silence for a teacher who recently passed away at Larkin High.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the February 19th, 2014 Representative Assembly were accepted with no corrections.

III. Bargaining Update

Kathy Castle gave some updates on the ongoing bargaining. She reviewed the ETA bargaining team and shared the Administration team.

IV. ETA Leadership

TMP: Reyna De La Mora, teacher leader, presented information about the Teacher Mentor Program. The TMP program is a collaborative project between the ETA and District U-46. Mentors are needed for all teaching areas. Applications for the mentor pool are available on the TMP website or you can email Reyna. Licensure: Susan Collins presented information about the new licensure program. This will affect everyone who is up for renewal after July 2014. A power-point with the vital information is available on the ETA website. Enter your professional development now!!! Susan answered questions from the RA based on the information that we have now.

Those Who Excel: Applications for TWE are available on the ETA website. All 6th grade classrooms are eligible to send one student's name and middle schools each send three students. High school scholarship applications are available as well.

Committees: None

PAR: Maryellyn Friel shared a one page document summarizing the Peer Assistance and Review program. This program is eligible to some teachers who could benefit from additional mentoring that is not provided by the TMP program.

V. A Better Illinois

Joyce Juenger, grassroots political activist, presented information about the "A Better Illinois" petition for a more fair tax system. IEA is still working on collecting

signatures to put this important issue on the ballot this November. A Lobby Day is being planned during Spring Break to get members to Springfield to support this effort.

VI. New Business

Questions about teacher dismissals and reading classes being removed from the middle schools were discussed.

VII. BAM

The Bam drawing was held. Alice White from Garfield won. Leadership will be making arrangements to visit that site soon.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah R. Madson
Secretary