

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

18 March 2015

MINUTES

Call to Order 4:30

Minutes from February – no objections

TWE (Maryellyn & Kathy H)

Envelopes for each building were available for pick-up by reps

Use links on theta.org for basket, raffle & donation info

Applications due April 20th

ETA PD

March Madness – Leadership Development (Kristine)

Continues in April – every Tuesday

Committee Member Training

Association Rep Training

Will have offerings on PPD's

GRPA

BOE meetings live on YouTube

Tracy Ellis did make a statement about the RIF of 263 teachers last Monday, trying to help teachers understand the law.

"Connecting the U46 Dots" – what Tea Party sponsored candidates are saying. They have taken the Joe Walsh pledge.

Post cards to be sent to all IEA members in the U-46 voting area

Sen. Nolan is visiting schools to talk to staff; feel free to express your own opinions – keeping in mind his wife is on the school board.

Do not hand out candidate recommendations on school property! (Parking lot is OK)

Cmte Updates

Licensure (Susan Collins)

April 1st a link will go up to allow you to **submit** PD *for approval*. CPDU's can still be submitted until July 1st w/o the 60 day limit rule.

Beginning July 1st no more classes except from Illinois Universities with educator preparation courses; this includes on line courses from out-of-state, community colleges, etc. Anything prior to June 30th 2014 is acceptable. (New rules are not published/finalized yet.) This includes getting endorsements.

Beth Gehringer is working on whether those credits can still be used for lane changes.

New thought: put in ALL your CPDU's; go ahead & go over the minimum.

The State is taking 150-180 days to approve new licenses, endorsements, etc. Always take a picture/screen shot of your page when you submit it.

SEC – voting for related services positions will take place on line before June 1st

HS's are now able to flag students for loss of privilege in IC; consult your SD

Statutory Groupings (Jack)

Google slides shared today will be posted tomorrow

Vocabulary: There is "group" placement based on ratings, not a group rating

ISBE Summative rating

Note: 1st year teachers cannot be in group 4, even with an excellent rating. (by State statute)

"1st year" teachers in U-46 are defined as anyone who is in his/her 1st year of teaching in U-46.

Recall = backwards list of RIF; the list cannot be changed by having a statutory grouping change from this point on. (School Code says so)

Group 1 has no recall rights, but can still be rehired (112 teachers this year). Teachers should continue to do good work; admin should enter the appropriate TAP info/ratings.

Unsat's & NI's that successfully complete remediation cannot be automatically moved up to a higher group.

"Non-renewed" vs. "Honorably dismissed" vs "Displaced"

Teachers who are RIF'd due to a lack of summative rating can have their group updated if they are rehired to what they actually earned.

Principals submit positions filled during round 1 of in-building at noon Friday. Teachers temporarily without an assignment should be put in a place by then if they are qualified.

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