

WDEA Representative Council Minutes

September 9, 2021

Site Reps in Attendance- Corey Lewis, Cynthia Haley, Barbara Shureen-MWE, Stephanie Browning, Robyn Hale, Patti Dearth-BES, Erica Metz, Janet Mulligan-WMS, Paty Arreguin, Aida Herrera-Keehn-CCLA, Andrew Murdock, Jaime Roberts, Jeff Hardie, Melissa Jones, Nadine McKoy-WHS, Anne Ryan-Alt. Ed, Kristen Ehret-NCC

May 2021 Minutes- Approved

Treasurer's Report- Shared in advance of the meeting. There were no questions. As far as the Budget goes, we are going to do the work to raise dues this year based on our need to be where CTA expects us to be. We have not had as many costs in the past year, due to COVID, so we are doing okay right now.

President's Report-

-The Recall of Governor Newsom vote takes place next week. At this point, polling shows 38% for recall and 58% against. Teachers need to VOTE.

-COVID vaccinations or weekly testing will be required starting September 25, based on a federal mandate. Pete Sullivan is the district COVID Coordinator. Some members have asked for WDEA to request all members get tested weekly instead of singling out members who are not vaccinated. This seems like it would cause further slow downs and longer lines for testing. We will stick with the mandated testing. Members should know that, even if they are vaccinated, they can get tested if they want.

-Although there have been no massive outbreaks in our district, it is just a "roll of the dice" as to whether COVID gets better or worse over the next few months. WDEA Leadership and Bargaining team will continue to work with the district office to deal with COVID related issues as they come up.

Negotiations Update- At this point, we are spending all of our time and effort on COVID and have not even started our formal Negotiations process for the year.

CalSTRS Fossil Fuels Divestment- Shannan brought this forward a while ago. There

Site Rep Elections- Sites should hold their elections as soon as possible so we can have all of our new site reps in place for our October 14 meeting.

COVID MOU- After many long meetings and hours of work by a TK-5 Committee and your Bargaining Team, we have an MOU for how quarantined students will be "taught" during the 2021-22 school year. The conditions were divided up by grade level and vary based on the needs of a particular age of students. As with all MOUs that your team brings to you, we will be able to bargain changes to the MOU if circumstances change or we find difficulties with what we have agreed upon. A copy of the MOU was sent to all Certificated Staff by the district. The team will continue to meet with the district to figure out and codify other situations that arise due to COVID.

Next Meeting

October 14, 2021 Zoom Meeting