

WDEA Representative Council Minutes

August 10, 2020 via Zoom

Site Reps in Attendance: Corey Lewis, Monica Sevilla, Heidi Aarts Michels-Mwe, Robyn Chase, Patti Dearth-BES, Marilyn Deis, Janet Mulligan-WMS, Nadine McKoy, Jeff Harding, Andrew Murdock, Jaime Roberts, Melissa Jones-WHS, Myron Kingsbury, Aida Herrera-Keehn, Patricia Arreguin-CCLA, Lisa Needham-NCC, Heather Kristensen-Alt. Ed

Treasurer's Report- Shannan Johnson

Shannan presented the proposed budget for 20/21. We only have enough money to cover our basic expenses. We had intended to raise our dues, but since we can't really get together with members, we were unable to do that. When Shannan put the budget together, it was thought that the online voting platform we are going to get was \$350. It is \$500, Shannan will put the new amount in the budget. Motion to approve the budget as amended was approved.

President's Report- Pete Stefanisko

In order to get going with online voting, all members need to go to the CTA website and check their account to make sure that there is an updated personal email. CTA will not allow members to vote from school email addresses. This needs to be done so we can vote on our Distance Learning MOU and for our Executive Board Election in September.

As site reps, our main job right now is to support our members and have admin communicate so that staff is aware of what is going on.

Environmental Justice- Shannan Johnson

Shannan will talk more about this next month. The premise is to have the district divest out of fossil fuels and make environmentally sound decisions.

Site Issues-

MWE- Teachers were told that they needed to record their Morning Meeting. (They are NOT required to per our MOU.)

-There is concern about not being able to bring their own children to the site if they are working from their classrooms. (They can per our MOU)

-The online training we received was for HS, not their grade level.

-If kids are only getting their computers from the district on Friday, are teachers expected to work with students over the weekend to get them online by Monday. (No)

-The schedule provided to parents is incorrect. It is also unclear to teachers what is required of them in the schedule.

-There is talk of WUSD getting a waiver for SpEd and Speech kids. Members are not comfortable being onsite with any students at this point. Will there be plexiglass?

-There has also been talk about not requiring masks below third grade? Does WDEA have any say over this? How can anyone guarantee that students will wear their masks appropriately and keep them on in the classroom or common areas?

BES-There are concerns about having Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning going on concurrently if parents don't want their student on campus when we begin to open up. How can we do both?

-There was frustration with the amount of time the trainings took, the huge amount of information we were supposed to absorb and the fact that a lot of it didn't pertain to our grade level.

CCLA- 6-8

- There are concerns about the requirements of the Zoom live instruction.
- What will make students attend and participate?
- They have been scheduled with an extra period for SEL which gives them more student contacts.
- There is no time for grading and curriculum planning.

WMS-There are concerns surrounding recording live lessons.

- Signing in kids will be difficult.
- Marilyn: "We can only do what we can do."

NCC- At this point, there is talk of them being required to return to the classroom because of students' IEP requirements. This is especially worrisome due to how much hands-on their kids need so they will need to have physical contact. What will they have for PPE?

- Assessment is a concern.
- They have students who, do to their special needs, cannot access the internet.

WHS- Communication is a big issue. The response to email is bad and they don't know who to email for what.

- Attendance seems extremely complex
- They are concerned with not being able to keep things simple and manageable for students and staff.

Alt. Ed- They have major technology problems with kids not being able to log in.

- Due to the nature of their program, if they feel comfortable, can they be on campus with their kids?
- Although they need time to work on their Big Picture program, they were told that they couldn't use their PD days for that this year.

September Agenda Items:

Communications

Social Justice Committee

Environmental Justice