

Region 6 Board of Directors
February 3rd, 2010
O.E. Bell Building

Minutes

Members & Visitors Present

Lane Owens, *IEA Region 6 Vice President*
Michelle Sakota, *IEA Region 6 Secretary*
Virginia Jones, *IEA GR/PACE Committee*
Sue Kindred, *IEA Board of Directors*
Madelaine Love, *IEA Board of Directors*
LaDawn Gooble, *Fremont Education Association President*
Eva Ochoa, *Firth Education Association President*
Howard Kimmel, *Ririe Education Association President*
Donna Hill, *Shelley Education Association President*
Sherri Christensen, *Rexburg Education Association President*
Peggy Park, *IEA Region 6 Director*

Welcome & Introductions –Lane Owens

Lane conducted the meeting as Dan Sakota was attending a PSC meeting in Boise. Lane called meeting to order at 6:31pm

Adoption of Minutes – Lane Owens

The only change to the minutes was to add “s” to end of Lane’s last name. Howard Kimmel moved to accept the minutes as amended. Madelaine Love seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget Report – Lane Owens

The region contributed \$500.00 to the Children’s Fund, and there were no other expenditures last month

Region President’s Report- Lane Owens

Lane read email from Dan about locals who communicated with new members, including Firth, Jefferson, Ririe, Mackay, and Idaho Falls.

Local Association Reports

Rexburg - Superintendent is not aware of evaluation training. REA has not met with Superintendent to discuss the evaluation plan or forming a committee. Insurance committee and Bargaining team in place

Fremont - Evaluation committee in place and plan has been sent to the state. Bargaining team in place and four members will attend bargaining training. Fremont passed special election bond.

Bonneville - Not sure of delegate status - Bargaining team same as last year, trying to get them together. BEA will continue same evaluation process. Superintendent is talking about holdbacks.

Ririe - No discussion has occurred with the evaluation process. REA is working on elections for DA. Checking on funding. Sending person to bargaining training depending on credit status. Will get bargaining team together. Superintendent spoke of no changes with financial situation. Business as usual.

Shelley - Gained passwords for evaluation training. Plan not ready to send to the state. Bargaining team together. Rumors of cuts, including possible 4 day work week and not replacing teachers who retire.

Firth - Have not held elections for DA. Bargaining team will be the same as last year. Evaluation plan ready to send to state. Committee worked hard to pull language from plan. Last audit found district could not declare financial emergency.

Idaho Falls - Bargaining team in place and had first meeting last night. Sent out first survey and getting ready for second one next week. District office is not talking about holdbacks, waiting for legislature to act before making decisions. DA elections will occur next week. Evaluation plan in place & will hold trainings soon.

Governance Reports

IEA Board of Directors - Sue Kindred and Madelaine Love: Sue and Madelaine reported on the following topics discussed at the last IEA Board of Directors Meeting:

- Discussed financial emergency declarations
- The State Land Board will make a decision about rent change on state lands for cabin space
- Race to the Top
- Health care- letter coming from NEA president
- Stimulus dollars not used by banks may filter to schools- jobs bill- contact Senators Crapo and Risch to support bill
- Student teachers- complimentary membership from IEA and NEA
- Membership down -- Region 6 down 3 members
- Mini DA at Sandcreek April 6th - Sandcreek Middle School - Business meeting 5:30 - dinner 6:00
- Wednesday of DA- Gayle Moore retirement party
- February 18th-19th President's meeting- agenda includes a visit to the Capitol to meet with legislators
- NEA Friend of Education nomination deadline – April 2nd
- Read Across America- March 2nd There is information on NEA site.
- IEA is conducting a Living Wage Campaign for classified employees in Treasure Valley as a pilot for IEA
- Idaho PTA leader wants names of local PTO leaders to communicate with legislators
- ESEA reauthorization - discussions on what it should look like
- Electronic voting- working on glitches
- Amy Reid – newly-hired IEA Business Finance Director
- IEA will have tab on website to donate to Children's Fund

GR/PACE- Virginia Jones

1. Legislative breakfast is set for February 20th at 10:00, at Sandcreek Middle School for members and legislators. Fund raising training after breakfast. Virginia requested names of members who would help with region and local plans.
2. PACE Fund Raising Program Flyers were handed out explaining the plan to increase the number of members contributing to PACE through electronic funds transfer. The campaign will be introduced at the Presidents' meeting in Boise.
3. Grass Roots Lobby Day- March 24th

Region Director's Report – Peggy

1. Handed out activity report and announcements of upcoming events.
2. Bargaining training starts February 9th. Please get names turned in.
3. Send names of Education Foundation chairpersons, Booster Club presidents, or PTA or PTO presidents who would be helpful in lobbying for school funding to Peggy.
4. President's meeting- Peggy will arrange region dinner.

5. Grace - Small local in fact finding. Rally February 5th during a basketball game. Please join them or send letter of support. Peggy will email contact information.

Old Business

1. Delegate Assembly
 - a. Delegate names must be in the IEA office by March 15th.
 - b. Order for shirts coming soon- black button down front shirt with red and white lettering.
 - c. Don't forget to get hotel rooms for delegates. Contact Region office if you need hotel information
 - d. Each delegate who recruits 3 members will get DA shirt paid for by region.
2. Prorated Membership Dues sheets were distributed

New Business

1. New IEA website -sign up for new password. Region 6 has hotlink to contact region leaders
2. SPARKS will be held at Ashton at Fall River Lodge - May 13th-15th. 1st-2nd year teachers will be invited by the Region office. Please contact Peggy if you have a 3rd-5th year teacher who you would like to attend.

Sue Kindred moved to adjourn meeting. Virginia Jones seconded motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.