

MEA Representative Council Meeting: October 7, 2013

President Paul Schulte called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. Presentations

- a. Todd Adams from Horace Mann and Amber Cameron from First Nebraska Educator Credit Union
 - i. Horace Mann is willing to pay \$5 per teacher for each individual who receives a quote from the insurance company.
 - ii. Current Horace Mann clients can call and review their policies and MEA will earn \$5.
 - iii. Teachers can receive a \$25 Restaurants.com certificate from First Nebraska Educator Credit Union
 - iv. Potential clients need to be willing to speak with Todd and Amber.
 - v. Paperwork needs to be hand-delivered before or after duty hours to members, not in member's mailboxes.
 - vi. If a client has Horace Mann auto insurance and an account with First Nebraska Educator Credit Union, they will receive a discount.
 - vii. Members and nonmembers can receive these benefits.
- b. David Glenn- NEA Member Benefits
 - i. Members can recoup dues by accessing www.neamb.com.
 - ii. This is different from the NSEA Access Card.
 - iii. Members receive NEA Complimentary Life Insurance (\$50,000).
 - iv. Registration can be completed online at www.neamb.com/teachers-insurance
 - v. Contact 1-800-637-4636 for beneficiary questions or to update information.

II. Agenda Revisions/Additions

- a. None

III. Routine Matters

- a. Approval of September 13, 2013 Representative Council minutes
- b. Approval of Financial Report- Treasurer's Report

IV. Information Items

- a. Membership Update- Marsha Edquist
 - i. Current membership is 1,090.
 - ii. The first quarter membership activity is a hayrack ride at Wenninghoff Farm.
 - 1. Sunday, October 20th
 - 2. 1:30-3:00 p.m. (or later, if desired)
 - 3. \$6.00 per person
 - 4. RSVP Marsha Edquist at Aldrich Elementary by October 15th
 - iii. Second quarter activity
 - 1. It's Yours Pottery
 - 2. Members will receive a discount.
- b. NCUEA Winter Conference
 - i. Paul will be attending media training for presidents on December 3rd.
 - ii. Chris Janovec will be representing membership
- c. PROCOM
 - i. Intellectual Property Sub-Committee
 - 1. The committee will be made up of MEA members and representatives from the school district.
 - 2. Let Paul know if you are interested in participating.
 - ii. Social Studies Curriculum
 - 1. Concerns regarding the timeline for rolling out the new curriculum were shared.

- iii. Bond Issue Timeline
 - 1. Dr. Lutz shared the construction timeline.
 - 2. The Upchurch addition is on schedule and should be completed around winter break.
 - 3. The district is taking bids for the Rohwer addition and for updates to Norris and Bryan.
 - 4. The district is also working on closing all open classrooms.
- iv. Security Upgrades/Lapel Cameras
 - 1. Security Upgrades
 - 2. Dr. Sutfin shared the district's schedule for security upgrades.
 - 3. All upgrades should be completed by the 2014-15 school year.
 - 4. Lapel Cameras
 - 5. These were piloted at Millard South last year and it was shown that they helped de-escalate and prevent conflicts involving students.
 - 6. Concerns regarding administrators potentially recording teacher performance were addressed.
 - 7. MEA will work with the district on developing language regarding the use of the cameras.
- v. Legislative Update
 - 1. MEA and MPS have both had meeting with Senator Kolowski and Senator Sullivan in
 - 2. regards to State Aid and possible changes. The messages they received were similar
 - 3. and will continue to focus on teacher education and instructional time as crucial parts of State Aid.
- vi. Boundaries Update
 - 1. Public meetings will be held at the high schools on October 28th, 29th, and 30th to
 - 2. share the committee's recommendations.
 - 3. The recommendations will go to the school board in December.
- d. NSEA Bargaining Conference- October 18-19th in Grand Island. Please contact Paul if interested in attending.
- e. Crystal Apple Award—application attached to minutes
- f. SEAN Outreach to Teach
 - i. Any volunteers willing to donate time to Outreach to Teach can help at Lewiston Public Schools, November 2nd. Please contact Tommie Leaders at 402-659-1773 to volunteer.
- g. NSEA partnering with Rebuild Nebraska
 - i. Visit www.rebuildnebraska.org for more information on how you can get involved with the discussions about state tax structure.

V. Action Items/Unfinished Business

- a. Drawings
 - i. New member iPad winner: Gregory Wunderlich, Upchurch
 - ii. Recruiter iPad winner: Josh Henninger, Central Middle School
 - iii. \$50 gift cards for recruiters
 - 1. Reynee Shanahan, Ezra
 - 2. Elizabeth Englebart, Morton
 - 3. Susan DeRoy, Cather
 - 4. Jason Krska, Millard West

VI. Reports

- a. President's Report
 - i. The school board meets in executive session tonight to discuss the latest negotiations proposal.
 - ii. Paul has been busy with nurse and teacher negotiations.
 - iii. He is part of a search committee to find a replacement for Millard Public Schools Foundation Executive Director Gary Steiner.
 - iv. The Metro Senators Dinner is on Tuesday, November 19th.
 - 1. If you are interested in attending let Paul know ASAP.
 - v. Paul has been asked to serve on the staff evaluation committee.
 - vi. Gallup engagement surveys will need to be completed soon. Be honest and sincere when completing these!
- b. Vice President's Report
 - i. None
- c. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement)
- d. UniServ Director Report
 - i. Lynne shared evaluation tips.
- e. NSEA/Metro Board Reports
 - i. The next NSEA Board of Directors meeting is on Saturday, October 26th.
 - ii. The next Metro Board meeting is Thursday, October 10th.
- f. LCCC/Legislative Report
 - i. None
- g. GRC
 - i. None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary