

**Millard Education Association  
Representative Council Meeting  
MPS Foundation Office—5225 S. 159<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Monday, April 2, 2017  
4:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Attendance:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
Paul Schulte	President	Marsha Edquist	Vice-President
Chris Janovec	Secretary	Kathie Garabrandt	Treasurer
Tim Royers	High School Dir	Stacy Kester-Pearson	At-Large Director
Jill Classen	Abbott	Lauri Cork	Ackerman
Diane Howard	Cody	Nitra Arlton-Doyle	Cottonwood
Elizabeth Engelbart	Morton	Shanna Wilwerding	Rockwell
Anne Chambers	Rohwer	Sarah Haver	Sandoz
Julie Jernstrom	Willowdale	Marla Kratochvil	Andersen
Lynn Diurba	Beadle	Barb Sheppard	Kiewit
Nicci Dill	Russell	Ellen McNemar	North
Jeff Gehrke	West		

Meeting called to order at 4:35

- I. Agenda Revisions/Additions "
- II. Routine Matters
  - A. Approval of the March BR Minutes " approved as submitted
  - B. Approval of Financial Report – Treasurer’s Report " approved as submitted
- III. Information Items
  - A. Open Enrollment (April and May 2018) " 1/2 dues for NSEA (\$203.50 if join now) and \$20 off for MEA = \$223.50 off for the 18-19 school year. Goes back to full dues for 19-20. Letter sent out to 200 potential members. Trying to address potential members concerns about the cost. BRs will address with potentials in their bldgs. Blitzes will also be scheduled with NSEA staff.
  - B. DA and RA
    1. Delegate Assembly—April 27-28, 2018 in Lincoln—13 of 17 seats filled " if interested contact Paul. Tim Royers will be honored as NSEA Teacher of Excellence.
    2. Representative Assembly—June 29-July 6, 2018 in Minneapolis—4 of 7 seats " if interested contact Paul
  - C. MEA Teacher Appreciation Gifts " had to get non-red ones. Should be here soon.
  - D. Walkouts? Anything to share? – Next day is 4/20. Make sure subs are aware.
  - E. Member concerns: 1) spring break time – could it be aligned with Easter? Like to keep with colleges, don't like religious breaks/Easter changes every year, and testing. 2) union leadership take on teacher strikes in other states – OK has a state salary, no increase in 10 years, teachers can't function/live on, want money for classroom supplies/curriculum planning " we are monitoring, NEA leadership is there. Right to work state so everyone is calling in sick – Wildcat Strike. 3) Mandy's thoughts on bullying provisions – Be Kind kick-off in the fall, pro-come made sure that staff bullying was included also. 4) Budget miracle – no one lost jobs but what about hiring? Holding pattern until Friday with letters of intent.
  - F. Nominations for Rookie of the Year, Friend of Education, and BR of the year.
  - G. MEA Scholarships were selected by BofD, one recipient at each high school.
  - H. 2018-2019 Budget "
    1. mtg last Wed: examined budget – some changes " increase in rent, 0\$ for transition of president, copy expenses aren't aligned yet, salary increases for Becky and Paul, district may start to cost sub days for union leave, tax preparation and foundation banquet increases, 0\$ for external public relations, conference budget \$6905 – may have to look at some savings in this area, and RA savings with only 4 going instead of 7. If membership continues to drop, cuts will be necessary.
    2. Please review and prepare questions before voting next month.
    3. Voting by mail " LMRDA is only state level so MEA can continue to use survey monkey.
- IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business

- A. Ratify MEA Election Results " Motion to accept by Marsha, second by Kathie. No discussion. Election results accepted.
- B. Additional Items " None.

V. Reports

- A. President's Report: April 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30 for President's Dinner at Deer Creek; Elementary Wed Schedule mtg – about 12 people: small groups, issues facing, impacts, what needs to be kept – 2 more mtgs to schedule; letter of intent due on Friday – some members don't know their assignments, contact Mandy " if you sign and get offered another position, can leave if there is a suitable replacement which is a change from previous years with 5/1 cut-off " Paul to send out email explaining since this is different than previous years; SEAN April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Kearney; Pre-Caucus April 19<sup>th</sup> at Scott Conf.; DA 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> to Washington DC.
- B. Vice President's Report " None
- C. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement) " None
- D. NSEA Organizational Specialist Report " Mandy off, no report. Contact if questions or concerns.
- E. NSEA/Metro Board Report " April 27<sup>th</sup> / Caucus Mtg April 19<sup>th</sup>
- F. LCCC/Legislative Report " pay close attention to 50/50 petition (50% return on property taxes), do not sign as it will impact funding for schools even though they are saying it will come from reserves. May need to mobilize in the fall if it is on the ballot.

G. GRC – No report.

- VI. Attachments
  - A. Mar 2018 BR Minutes
  - B. Mar 2018 Financial Statement
  - C. Election Results
- VII. Future Agenda Items ~

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Chris Janovec - Secretary