

**Millard Education Association  
Representative Council Meeting  
MPS Foundation Office—5225 S. 159<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Monday, January 8, 2017  
4:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

| <u>NAME</u>         | <u>BUILDING</u>  | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>BUILDING</u>   |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Schulte        | President        | Marsha Edquist    | Vice Pres         |
| Chris Janovec       | Secretary        | Kathie Garabrandt | Treasurer         |
| Traci Gemberling    | Elem Director    | Reynee Shanahan   | Elem Director     |
| Zac Ward            | Mid Sch Director | Tim Royers        | High Sch Director |
| Lauri Cork          | Ackerman         | Diane Howard      | Cody              |
| Nitra Arlton-Doyle  | Cottonwood       | Sara Rohren       | Montclair         |
| Elizabeth Engelbart | Morton           | Emily Brown       | Reagan            |
| Shanna Wilwerding   | Rockwell         | Sarah Haver       | Sandoz            |
| Marla Kratochvil    | Andersen         | Amy Thalken       | Central           |
| Simon Rohde         | North High       | Ellen McNemar     | North High        |
| Allison Stansberry  | West High        |                   |                   |

**MINUTES**

Mtg called to order at 4:30

- I. Agenda Revisions/Additions " none
- II. Routine Matters
  - A. Approval of the December BR Minutes " approved as submitted
  - B. Approval of Financial Report – Treasurer’s Report " approved as submitted
- III. Information Items
  - A. PROCOM Report " 1) Levy Override – Sutfin thanked MEA and NSEA, over 1000 volunteers, survey coming out to community. Legislature cuts had biggest impact to PLV and then MPS. Next steps – \$ will fund programs district keeps, sensitive to tax base, communication with legislature about school funding. Selective abandonment changed to Program Reivew. 2) ACT – standards across district & state. Jrs with perfect scores still have to take – recommend district works with the state on this. Article in OWH about rigor of HS curriculum written by Sutfin. Will start more technical/trade conversations in HS. 3) Legislation – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading bill still on table, MFennell talking more with Linehan. Defined benefit changes being proposed by another senator. 4) Be Kind campaign – trying to take metro-wide, will be MPS topic next year. Asked to include adult bullying too.
  - B. Question from Mandy Faripour re: need for bullying policy for adults. Definition would be difficult. Email thoughts to Mandy.
  - C. NSEA Legislative Dinner—Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm at Champion’s Club, Lincoln
    1. Contact Cathy Schapmann ([cathy.schapmann@nsea.org](mailto:cathy.schapmann@nsea.org)) to rsvp. Or call 800 number. Let Paul know too to coordinate carpools.
    2. Many open seats.
    3. Also need members to call and invite senators from their districts. Only a 1/3 have RSVP’d.
  - D. NSEA Legislative Contact – weekly email of legislative happenings.
  - E. 2018 Elections
    1. MEA—President, Secretary, Elem Director, Middle School Director, High School Director
    2. Metro District—Treasurer, Secretary, 1 NSEA Board Seat, and Sub District 6 Seat " go to NSEA website, elections, submit bio
    3. Delegate Assembly—April 27-28, 2018 in Lincoln—around 17 seats " let Paul know
    4. Representative Assembly—June 29-July 6, 2018 in Minneapolis—around 7 seats " let Paul know
    5. Please email Reynee Shanahan and Paul Schulte to submit your name for any of the positions.
- IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business
  - A. Select MEA Spring 2018 Scholarships " Kim Hunt & Brian Cleary for yrs 1-5 and Megan Andrews and Kevin Greve for years 6+.
  - B. Additional Items " none
- V. Reports

- A. President's Report " Bells Palsy update, not a stroke. Funeral of Ernestine Ventura 1/3/18. NEA financial forum in Chicago last week for budgeting and negotiations. Thursday – senate interview candidates. 1/23 district strategic plan. 1/22 legislative dinner. 1/27 BD mtg. 2/6-11 in Washington DC for NEA Board of Directors Meeting and NEA VP Training. Susan Estes – evening events 2/6,7,8/18 to share NEA savings. Membership committee targeting specific bldgs to address membership issues in February.
- B. Vice President's Report " running for metro district secretary, would like to continue.
- C. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement) " metro sub-district 6, will run again.
- D. NSEA Organizational Specialist Report " Communication in Professional Way – set boundaries, use district email instead of responding to texts, reference that you received their text and inform them that you use district email in your message response. Messenger is not protected. Don't delete texts after someone has asked for them. Delete as you go. If parent won't quit, call Mandy. Other discussions:
  - 1. Don't place pictures of students on FB, twitter, snapchat, etc. No permission signed anymore by parents. Opt out procedure now. Staff encouraged to post though. PROCOM TOPIC for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
  - 2. FB posts from district teachers – DON'T comment. You are an agent of district.
  - 3. Parents and students don't know rules with social media.
  - 4. "Administration insists a teacher calls a parent when teacher doesn't feel comfortable?" " contact Mandy. Situations already exist in this area – working with principals with cc-ing procedure. Recommend conference call with teacher and principal.

- E. NSEA/Metro Board Report
- F. LCCC/Legislative Report
- G. GRC
- VI. Attachments
  - A. Dec 2017 BR Minutes
  - B. Dec 2017 Financial Statement
- VII. Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Janovec ~ Recording Secretary