

MEA Board Retreat Minutes

Werner Park

July 25, 2011

9:00 am

1. Ice Breaker - Tell us about yourself: Why did you go into education and why did you get involved in the association?
2. Sign Up Sheet - Sign up with your email and phone number and BOD Meeting drinks
3. BRs and BOD Meeting (September 12) - event with NSEA for New Teachers (in their first three year in MPS) to talk about rights and responsibilities as a probationary teacher.
4. July Letter - Reviewed the letter that was sent to all members in July and discussed the "overtake" issue and goals that should be set by our negotiations team for the upcoming school year.
5. Bond Issue - MPS is requesting that MEA along with NSEA sponsor the Bond Election. Molly will do some research as to what the money will be used for and bring it as an action item to the August BOD Meeting.
6. Membership Plan - MEA has a grant from the NSEA for membership promotion this fall. So, the proposal is to have the New Teacher Lunch on August 2nd as usual. Each BR and BOD will get a \$10 thank you for

attending. Every member that signs up will get a \$10 thank you and be eligible for a drawing. Then, each building is to have an MEA Celebration to promote membership. This can look as formal or informal as the building would like. MEA/NSEA will provide snacks, door prizes and freebies for this event. We would be inviting both members and non-members to this event for the purpose of recruiting.

7. BR Responsibility Page - Molly was seeking input as to what should be included on a more user-friendly page for new BRs as to things to do and things to avoid as a BR. This will be addressed with the BRs at the BR Training on Aug. 2.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. STRIDES - August 20
- b. Millard Days Parade - August 27

9. Drop Requests (Executive Session):

- a. Drop Request #1: Move to deny. Motion carried.
- b. Drop Request #2: Move to table. Motion carried.
- c. Drop Request #3: Move to deny. Motion carried.
- d. Drop Request #4: Move to table. Motion carried.