

**Victor Elementary Teachers' Association**  
**Representative Council**  
**January 8, 2008**  
**Nisqualli Building**  
**(Pending Approval 2/2/08)**

President Nancee Fine called the Rep. Council meeting to order at 4:18 pm.

**Minutes and Reports**

- Minutes for December 2007 meeting were submitted by Beth Fehrs, Vice President.
  - Two corrections needed;
    - page 1, second line under **Minutes and Reports** heading, "Virginia Hall Robinson" name spelling correction to read, "Virginia Hallrobinson".
    - page 3, under **Raffle** subheading, "Starlette" name spelling correction to read, "Starlett".
  - Penny D. Smith moved to accept with noted corrections, Virginia Hallrobinson seconded, Minutes were approved unanimously.
- President's Report was submitted by Nancee Fine.
- Treasurer's Report was submitted by Linda Smith.
- Negotiation's Team Report was submitted by Penny D. Smith.

**Site Reports**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Street Prep was not represented. All other sites gave reports.
- **Concerns discussed within Site Reports:**
  - **After School Pay Issue** – Del Rey reports that teachers are not getting paid regularly for the 30 minutes they are staying after school.
  - **VETA Dues** – Village School reports the staff is "eager to learn more about the dues".

**Old Business**

- **TAC** – Next Tuesday, January 15, 2008 will be VESD Communication Council from 4:00-5:30 PM at Nisqually.
- **Good Teaching Conference** – VETA executive board recommended sending 2 probationary and 1 tenured MEMBER teachers from each site, to be paid by VETA. The board further recommended that VETA paid for 1/2 a room; attendee may pay remaining 1/2 of room if not wanting to share, and that there be a "good faith" deposit of \$200.00 in the form of a personal check, not to be cashed unless the MEMBER does not attend conference fully.
  - Motion made to adopt the VETA executive board's recommendation (as listed above) by Steve Dinise, seconded by Ann Smith, and the motion was accepted unanimously.
  - Choosing which MEMBERS will go to the Good Teaching Conference will be a site based decision. Once chosen, MEMBERS are to go online and register themselves for the conference and room. Registering MEMBERS are recommended to have the name of their roommate at time of registration.
  - Names of teachers being sent by sites should be submitted to Linda Smith as soon as possible. She must have the names before she will pay for the MEMBERS.

- It was noted that if sites want to send more than the number that VETA will pay for, they may pay from site budget. It was also noted that the Discovery principal has already agreed to send additional MEMBERS to the conference at site expense.
- **Negotiations Survey** – Site packets were handed out with instructions and site roster included. The process for passing out and collecting the surveys was explained. The importance of the surveys was stressed. The date to pass out the surveys; January 9<sup>th</sup>, as well as the due date of January 15<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM. were announced. These dates are also on the written instructions given to reps.
- **High Desert Service Center Council** – Training topic is “Retirement”. To be held January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hesperia RRC on Mariposa from 10:45 AM to 1:00 PM. All members are invited. CTA will be doing the training.
- **Women’s Issues Representative** – VETA Executive Board recommended sending Melissa Timko-Miller, Galileo, to the Human Rights conference on March 28-30, 2008 at the Marriott in Irvine. Motion made by Penny D. Smith, seconded by Steve Dinise, and voted yes, unanimously. It was reminded that VETA has already voted to send Joe Hodges, Liberty to the said conference.
- **Calendar** – Nancee Fine reported that VESD Cabinet has decided to create a transition plan for the calendar issue for the 2008-2009 year. The plan is to match all dates for VESD with the VHSD calendar within the September to June traditional calendar model and then for the Fall of 2009-2010 switch to the August to June calendar. Consideration was for the shortening of the summer for the incoming VESD Cabinet members.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – A request for a volunteer to head this went out to the reps. Penny D. Smith thinks she may have someone who might be interested. Penny will check with the person and get back to the VETA Executive Board. Reps were asked to contact Linda Smith or an Executive Board member if interested in chairing or helping on this committee.
- **National Education Association/Representative Assembly (NEA/RA)** – Applications are available in the December issue of the California Educator magazine. Members can run as a local or state candidate. Assembly will be June 30-July 7 in Washington, D.C.
- **Read Across America (NEA)** – Suggested to visit the NEA website for supplies that are available to teachers.
- **NEW mail order RX Company** – the new company name is “Prime Mail” and this is approved. This is supposed to an automatic switch, but it was suggested to call Debbie at the district office to confirm.
- **Elections** – VETA nominations are due to open at the February rep. council meeting and close at the March meeting. There was a call for volunteers from the reps to serve on the committee or to run for one of the available offices. It was noted that to serve on the committee, it isn’t necessary to be a representative, but must be a VETA member. VETA Executive Board announced that those on the board not running will assist on the committee, but not chair it. Offices up for election are: President, Secretary, 1 At-Large Director (all offices are 2 year terms). Also a NEA/RA delegate needs to be elected.
- **VETA Dues** –
  - Brief reminder to be talking with your school sites regarding the VETA Dues. Same information put out that has been given to representatives the last two months regarding figures. Reminded representatives that a vote will be taken in VETA Representative Meeting by April 2008. Representatives need to have talked with their sites before the vote to accurately represent their sites decision.

### New Business

- None

### Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

