



Robbinsdale Federation of Teachers

## February RFT Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

### Minutes

1. Wednesday, March 8 –Executive Council
2. Election of Officers: April 4 – Vote at the general membership meeting or at the RFT office on 4/4/12
  - a. President *Filing open until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Val at*
  - b. First Vice President *RFT office if you would like to be on the*
  - c. Secondary Vice President *ballot.*
3. Education Minnesota Convention Delegates:
  - a. Vicki Arabanos
  - b. Adolphus Bates
  - c. Nancy Cordes
  - d. Debbie Cranston
  - e. Denise Dooher (*alternate*)
  - f. Tom Dooher
  - g. Peter Eckhoff
  - h. David Esposito
  - i. Jacob Givand
  - j. Karen Krussow
  - k. Nancy Lehn (*alternate*)
  - l. Tracy Mena
  - m. Tony Nelson
  - n. Deb Oleson
  - o. Jan Sanden
  - p. Rita Schweitzer
  - q. Laura Steman
  - r. Jim Wangensteen (*alternate*)
4. Budget Committee: March 20, 4:15 p.m.  
Peter Eckhoff, Tracy Mena, Jim Wangensteen, Jacob Givand, Karen Krussow, Terry Johnson, Mike Huggett, Tom Dotzenrod, Denise Dooher
5. National Meetings
  - a. **NEA**: Washington, D.C., June 30-July 5, 2012 (no local funding)
  - b. **AFT**: Detroit, July 26-31, 2012 (up to four [4] delegates)  
We will vote for credentials at the April meeting; interested members should submit names to [vpotter@rftonline.org](mailto:vpotter@rftonline.org)
6. Staffing Update – elementary principals already have preliminary numbers
  - a. February 15: Final FTE to Secondary Principals
  - b. February 29: Final Seniority Lists to Buildings
7. Negotiations Update ..... Tracy Mena reported that there is a tentative agreement on the contract regarding everything but the appendix groups. Back up will meet at Plymouth on Friday, Feb. 17 at 4 pm. Pending the approval of the back up committee, there will be meetings at 4-5 locations with dates and times to be communicated soon. The target is a vote on the contract on 2/29 so that it can move to the school board in early March.
8. Right to Work (for Less)..... Tracy Mena introduced Nikki Sprague (Neill Elementary) who taught in WI last year when collective bargaining rights were removed. She shared about how they didn't expect anything like the changes that occurred and how quickly it happened. She encouraged teachers to keep talking about it and the miscommunication and inaccuracies that were abundant. After Nikki spoke, Tracy presented information about Right to Work and legislation that has been introduced. She also mentioned other potential constitutional amendments such as Voter ID, supermajority to raise taxes or a 2% set-aside. At the conclusion of her update, she distributed a FAQ sheet summarizing Right to Work info from the presentation.
9. Lobby Day, March 6<sup>th</sup>



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a. Contact Tracy Mena and Peter Eckhoff if interested in attending

10. Election District I ballots February 21-23; pick up ballots for buildings at the Feb 8 meeting. Peter referred building reps to information they need for holding the election. Members should sign by their name as they vote. For members, it is not a requirement to vote. Reps have latitude to handle the process in their building as they see fit. There are two members on the ballot.

Minutes submitted by Jacob Givand, 2/8/12

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