

**Robbinsdale Federation of Teachers
Executive Council Meeting**

December 7, 2011

MINUTES

- I. **Secretary/Treasurers Report** – report was approved as submitted by council

- II. **Announcements**
 - a. Next Executive Council/General Membership Meetings: Wednesday, January 11
 - b. Seniority List and forms to remove license will be sent from Human Resources on December 12th. Peter updated the group that they have already arrived. The window of time to remove or add back areas of licensure for staffing is open until January 15. This must be done in writing and submitted to HR by that time. Half sheets for this purpose are available in buildings or through the RFT office.
 - c. Relicensure Seminar: February 12, 2012 in Lakeville – There is significant demand. Sign up if interested.
 - d. Delegates to Education Minnesota Representative Convention: April 27 & 28; we are allowed 15 delegates – we’ll vote at the January 11th meeting. There are 12 names submitted as of December 4, 2011. Names should be submitted to Val via email.
 - e. Staffing Timeline: 2011-2012/Procedures – It is virtually identical to past years. Peter went over the highlights and copies are available through the RFT office. Positions necessitated by the addition of a STEAM school will be initially posted in Pool 1.

- III. **Budget Meeting** Jim Wangenstein
 - a. Will be held in March. Members interested in serving on the Budget Committee, contact Jim_Wangenstein@rdale.org to fill the at large positions (up to 4 positions available)

- IV. **Negotiations** Tracy Mena/Peter Eckhoff – There are 2 more upcoming meetings and we are hopefully reaching the end. There has not been much progress lately but it is certainly not at an impasse.

- V. **PowerPoint Presentation: Right to Work** Peter Eckhoff – This presentation was moved to the end of the agenda/meeting. There is movement by some to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot to make MN a Right to Work state. Members will be hearing a lot about this in the coming months.

- VI. **Board Meeting: Magnet School/Bus Drivers – STEAM school approved/regarding busing:** No final decision was made. The board directed the administration to go out for RFPs

- VII. **Neopath Clinic Update** – There has been some delay due to the city of New Hope. We may be up and running as early as January 23. Dr. Gunn has been hired as our doctor and she will be visiting many sites to introduce herself and answer questions about how the clinic will operate. The question came up about the clinic’s hours and how to provide input. It was recommended that, if you feel strongly about this, the cabinet is the group that will make final decisions.



- VIII. **Lobby Day** Tracy Mena – We will tentatively have at least two more lobby days. The dates will come out via email after winter break.

- IX. **Teacher of the Year** Peter Eckhoff – The nomination window is open through December 14.

- X. **Sugar Workers** – Denise and Peter attended a recent rally in St. Paul that raised around \$24,000 with the bulk of that going to ND workers who do not have unemployment insurance.

- XI. **Adjournment**

Minutes submitted by Jacob Givand, 12/7/11

