

**MINUTES – Rep Council Meeting
November 19th, 2009**

- I. **Call to Order**—*at 4:10 p.m.*
- II. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**—*Accepted & discussed.*
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**—*Accepted & discussed.*
- IV. **Reports**
 - A. **Internal Reports:**
 1. Scholarship Fund-Raising
 2. Scholarship Selection Committee—*If anyone wants to be part of this committee, let Dave know since some of the schools are now underrepresented. Meets in late Jan/early Feb.*
 3. Public Relations Committee
 4. Vote/COPE Committee
 5. Grievance Committee—*nothing at this time, but there could be one in the future.*
 6. Elections Committee
 7. Negotiations Committee
 8. Charitable Donations--\$50.00/ Bethlehem Festical Fund: *proposed & unanimous vote.*
 9. Sunshine/Rain: -- *Clarksville: NONE; Eagle: NONE; Elsmere: NONE; Glenmont: NONE; Hamagrael: NONE; Slingerlands: NONE; Middle School: NONE; High School: NONE.*
 - B. **District-wide Reports:**
 1. Professional Advancement Committee (P.A.C)
 2. Professional Practice Council (P.P.C)
 3. Process Committee
 4. Board of Education Meetings—
 - November Report: **Middle School**—*Discussion & Board approved cell phone tower, but this is just the first step in the process.*
 - December Coverage: **Eagle**
 5. Technology Committee
 6. Health & Safety Committee—*Middle school’s issue of rooms being too hot or too cold will be put on agenda. High school: water issue will be brought up to the committee—contamination been going on the last 1 ½ years. Health/safety issues regulated by PISHA (not OSHA). Just make sure you keep the process going; it’s slow. One of our most important committees—if people don’t attend, Greg’ll think we don’t care. 3:30 meetings are a difficult time to meet.*
 7. Calendar Committee
 8. Health Insurance Committee—*new debit card (\$18.00 fee/year) offered this year—Jan 1st—for flex plan. Don’t have to*

*fill out the paper work; don't have to front \$ & then be reimbursed.
Flex plan: \$4,000 medical expenses max/year; \$5,000/dependent
care max/year for licensed child care.*

9. Curriculum Leadership Committee
10. Cabinet Meetings—*been pared down (too big) to just classroom teachers for right now. Groups were added on w/o BCTA's approval. These are elected 1 year/2 year positions. Their focus is on curriculum writing right now.*

V. Old Business

- A. NYSUT CDRO Leadership Conference
- B. Elementary Report Cards—*Going ahead this fall, electronically..*
- C. Elementary Bus Arrivals & Dismissal—*Clarksville—adjusted time. OK.*
- D. BCTA Membership Directory
- E. 21st Century Learning
- F. Other

VI. New Business

- A. State Budget Issues—*\$1.96 million cut—if goes through. NYSUT: "Expect some kind of mid-year cuts." Dave: "We'll have lay-offs; hopefully will be taken care of by retirements." If state funding to schools stays flat, we're out \$2 million. District has hired independent consultant—looking at costs in special ed. dept.*
- B. Other—*Dave contacted NYSUT Learning Trust & will come in to do seminar re: modifying lessons for special ed/ESL. Poll buildings informally—what questions would you like to be addressed for the seminar?*

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment--@ 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Dave Rounds, Kelly Ward, Zach Assael, Melissa De Paoli, Mary Bigelow (Exec. Council); Kathy Betzhold (C); Barb Riegel (Eag); Cori DiFabbio (Elm); Andrew Kourt, Linda Seymour (G); Alix Messier (S); Amy Ludik (MS); John Fontanella, Kim Hopkins, Jessica Weimer (HS); Fred Powers (Supvs.); Molly Fusco (Nurses).