

Ferndale Education Association

Rep. Council Minutes

February 15, 2007

Members in attendance: Tracie Morris President, Candy Ford Vice President and Eagleridge, Lynn Kelling Secretary and Custer, Cheryl Frazier Treasurer, Susan Gelhar Legislative Rep., Dee Schulz FEAtures Editor, Jenny Kubic , Michael Smith, Cherie Thomas, Susan Smith , Ferndale High School, Christi Liese and Thirza Zagelow, North Bellingham, Cathy Cook Mt. View and Minority Representative, Lindsay Dorr, and Jan Polen Mt. View, Joelle Schneider Central,, Brandi Caffrey Custer Elementary, Ryan Mitchell Custer and Webmaster.

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

Take the Lead Presentation

A team from WEA presented a power point on **Take the Lead**.

Their main points included:

- Washington's statistics on funding, class size and tax structure compared to the other states
- The importance of small class size K-2 and all day kindergarten
- Our tax system and Lottery to fund schools
- The inadequacy of our present tax system if major changes are going to be funded
- The importance of sharing this information with the public
- Speakers are available to help educate the public

Things we can do to help:

- Talk to anyone and everyone
- PowerPoint available on Fourth Corner website
- Write to the newspaper about crisis
- Share with all our FEA members
- Teams are available to present
- Post the poster in all buildings
- Legislators need to hear from educators
- House a Cyber Lobbying Party
- **EASIEST: Join WEAPAC**

I. Business

Minutes from Rep. Council meeting January 18, 2007 were approved with a corrections.

II. Reports

Treasurer's Report - discussed

Lifetime WEA retirement benefits

It is presently \$350. For fully paid lifetime membership. Lifetime option will be going away. For more information contact Candy Ford or WEA.

Legislative Update

Susan Gelhar reminded us how to follow the bills before the legislature. Simply go to www.washingtonea.org and click under the dome newsletter.

One issue we need to be following and communicating to our legislators is on Gain sharing. Last months FEAtures had an article by Lyn Sherry, encourage members to read it if they are unsure of what it is.

FEAtures : Dee Schulz reminded us the deadline for the next issue is Feb. 22.

Negotiators Update:

Rocky Diaz reminded buildings that have not set up times for negotiators to come and talk with members to please email Kris Skewis and set a date.

He reminded us the negotiators Forums are open to any member or group of members who would like to discuss unique issues that involve them. (Nurses, PE and Music Specialists, School Psychologists, etc.) If you have concerns, come forward.

Survey Results will be available next Saturday.

Meeting form: Please fill in the meeting form and share what your building is doing for staff meetings and other building meetings. If a member is not full time, they will work the percentage of their contract.

Waiver Day Make Up: Let negotiators know what options are offered at your building,

Meeting was adjourned 5:35 PM

