

Executive Council Minutes
Open Session
January 8, 2008

Officers present: President Marc Houle, 1st Vice President Bob Ruark, 2nd Vice President Terri Jo McNaul, Communications Secretary Naomi Lukaszewski, 6-12 Director Candy Smiley, K-5 Director Karen Wusthoff

Treasurer K. Logan was absent due to illness.

1st Vice President Ruark was delayed due to a site meeting.

Reps: D. Thompson, CFT SPED rep, ABES

Meeting called to order: 4:00 p.m.

Handouts: CFT Convention Flyer

Timeline Draft for implementation of new Election Timeline

Agenda: CFT Convention

Constitution/By-law Amendments

Election Timeline

SPED Groups-*Confidential Session*

Credit Union CD-*Confidential Session*

I. Minutes

A. December 10 Executive Council: approved with amendments.

B. December 13 Representative Council: approved with amendments.

II. CFT Convention—see handout

A. Held in Oakland, April 11-13

B. Timeline for delegate election

1. Members must be notified of election 15 days before election is held.

Discussion:

- [PFT President] will be going at CFT's cost because I am one of the Vice Presidents. Do we want to send other delegates?
- I don't think we got our money's worth last time.
- [The delegate] did not attend several of the meetings.
- We don't have to pay attendance expenses for the delegates.
- Who's going to want to go? Especially if we don't pay for expenses?
- Do we have an idea of how much it would cost to send a delegate?
- Last year the Rep Council voted about \$600 to cover the cost of a hotel, mileage and per diem for meals. The convention was in LA last year. This year, it's in Oakland, we'd have to include airfare as well if we are covering expenses.
- When is it?
- April 11-13. I don't think anyone is going to want to spend the ending weekend of Spring Break in Oakland at the CFT convention.
- Jim Dyer may be going since he is on the credentialing committee. CFT may be covering his expenses. He could be one of our delegates.
- We would need to put it before the reps again. Do we want to send delegates? There aren't any really pressing issues. Last year there was a contested election and a vote on a dues increase.
- Do we put it before the reps on Thursday [next scheduled Rep meeting]?
- We can inform them but they don't have to make a final decision until the March 13 Rep meeting. The delegate list is due on March 28. If we have a decision on March 13 and send out notification that same day, we are within the 15 day limit.

Consensus: Information about the upcoming CFT conference will be presented to the Representatives at the January meeting with a final vote/decision to be made by the March meeting.

III. Constitutional and By-law Amendments

Discussion:

- The By-laws state that the Election committee is in charge of preparing, printing, and distributing ballots. Should we pull those people in to do that?
- I thought their function was changed to simply drafting a candidate if none come forward.
- The wording of the amendment only specifies that portion of their duties. It does not address anything else.
- I don't think they need to physically do the printing and distribution. The [PFT Administrative Assistant] can do that under their direction.
- Are we in agreement that that covers the By-law?

Agreement indicated through nodding and SIC (Silence Implies Consent)

- We also need to add "elected by constituency" to item 6.3 in the By-laws. It currently describes the other offices [Secretary and Treasurer] as elected At-Large so when we include the new vice president positions we need to include how they are elected also.

No objections raised.

- We also now need the Reps to put forward their names as candidates because the By-laws require their names be presented as candidates as well. [K.Wusthoff] wrote a brief job description for Site Reps and will notify reps of the requirement of registering their candidacy.

IV. Election Timeline-see handout

A. January

1. Present listing of open offices and accompanying job descriptions.
2. Send out "All Teacher" e-mail announcing open offices with accompanying job descriptions and submission deadlines for candidacy.
 - a. Send out by January 17, 2008.

B. March

1. All candidates must have intent filed with PFT Office by March 7.
2. Candidates will be presented to the Representatives on March 13.
 - a. Candidates do not need to be physically present.

C. April

1. Candidates must turn in 300 word or less statement for publication by PFT.
2. Candidate forums to be held April 15 and May 1 at PFT Offices.

D. May

1. Elections held May 13 & 14.
2. Results announced at May 15 Representative Meeting.

Open Session closed. Confidential Session opened 4:55 p.m.

Confidential Session closed. Open Session resumed 5:24 p.m.

V. January Rep Meeting

A. Tabled items from December

1. Harassment and Hate Behavior policy
 - a. How does enforcement of policy affect teachers?
 - b. How responsible is the classroom teacher?
2. PUSD Strategic Plan
 - a. Reps who do not have copy of college readiness article should be referred to the PFT Secretary for an electronic copy.
 - b. Share minutes from Strategic Planning meeting.

B. Salary and expenditure comparison between districts.

1. Direct comparison of just salaries does not provide accurate budget/negotiations picture.

C. State Budget update.

D. CFT Convention information.

Meeting adjourned: 5:47 p.m.

Next meeting:

Submitted by Naomi Lukaszewski, PFT Secretary