

Executive Council Minutes
Open Session
November 10, 2008

Officers present: President Marc Houle, High School Vice President Bob Walker, Middle School Vice President Bob Ruark, SPED Vice President Jan Van Horne, Secretary Naomi Lukaszewski, 6-12 Director Candy Smiley

Treasurer K. Logan and K-5 Director K. Wusthoff were absent due to illness.

Elementary Vice President Stephanie Martin was delayed due to a site meeting.

Reps: None

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

Handouts: None

Agenda: Labor issues-*Confidential Session*

Negotiations debrief- *Confidential Session*

Palomar Council PTA Update

Executive Meeting Calendar

PFT Elections

I. Minutes

A. November 3 Executive Council: unanimously approved with amendments

II. Labor

A. In the course of a legal investigation, teachers should not submit to any questioning without legal and/or union representation.

1. Do not allow detectives or attorneys into your home.

2. Interviews with law enforcement can take place at the PFT Offices

Open Session closed. Confidential Session opened: 4:20 p.m.

Labor Issues: Personnel

IBPS Negotiations Debriefing

Confidential Session closed. Open Session resumed: 5:25 p.m.

III. Palomar Council PTA

A. Palomar Council includes local PTA Presidents

1. C. Smiley joined as PFT Representative and has been attending meetings.

B. Building relations and support

1. Palomar Council has been instrumental in recent campaigns against state budget cuts to education and Propositions adversely affecting education and teachers.

C. Palomar Council has programs to support community.

1. Adopt-A-Family

Discussion:

- Should we put this to the reps for approval?
- I know most sites also do Adopt-A-Family. I don't want to put extra obligations on the teachers or take away from site participation.
- Check with the Palomar Council on who is in charge of this program.
- We could have the reps participate individually, introduce it at the meeting, send out an e-mail.
- Do we want to have individual participation or sponsor a family as an organization?
- I think we should run it by the reps as something we want to do as an organization, a PFT thing. That way we aren't putting an obligation on the teachers individually or taking anything away from the sites.
- How much should we spend?
- The reps should decide that.

Consensus: A proposal to participate in Palomar Council's Adopt-A-Family program will be placed before the Building Reps at the November Meeting. If participation is approved, the amount of the expenditure will be determined at that time.

D. Feedback on PTA Donations

1. C. Smiley asked for feedback regarding PTA donations to the site.
2. Some principals did not contact PTA Presidents regarding donations
 - a. Some principals unaware that donations could be solicited from PTA
3. PTA would like more transparency on how donations are being allocated

IV. Executive Council Calendar

A. December 15 Executive Council meeting has been cancelled.

1. PFT will host a SPED Open House instead

B. Meetings

1. January 5
2. January 12
3. January 19: MLK Holiday
4. January 26

V. PFT Elections

A. Need to check Bylaws for new guidelines

B. Review Timeline for Rep Council

Meeting adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting: November 17, 2008

Submitted by Naomi Lukaszewski, PFT Secretary