

Executive Council Minutes
Open Session
March 3, 2008

Members present: President Marc Houle, Secondary Director Candy Smiley, Elementary Director Karen Wusthoff, Treasurer Kelly Logan, 1st VP Bob Ruark, and 2nd VP Teri Jo McNaul.

Absent: Communications Secretary Naomi Lukaszewski due to Jury Duty.

Reps: Stephanie Martin, ABES and Dr. Bob Walker, RBHS

Meeting called to order: 4: 05

Handouts: Budget Talking Points and Budget Discussion

1) **Minutes:** Communications secretary not present for approval of previous February 11, 2008 Exec Board meeting.

2) **Purchase of new equipment**

Motion by K. Logan to approve \$250.00 to purchase a new phone for M. Houle, PFT President.

2nd: T.J NcNaul

All approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Marc's current phone disconnects when the handset is picked up.

3) **Executive Board Elections**

a) Marc requested the current officers declare if they plan to run for Exec. Board in May. A declaration from current Board members will be helpful if recruitment is seen as necessary to fill positions.

- i. Bob Ruark running for MS VP
- ii. Naomi running for Communications Secretary
- iii. Kelly Logan running for Treasurer
- iv. Open positions: K5, Sped, and HS VP

b) Stephanie Martin, ABES PFT Rep declared for K5 VP

4) **Budget Discussion**

a) Reviewed and clarified the following points in order to build shared understanding with all members:

- California funds schools through three major sources; sales tax, property tax, personal income tax
- In 2006-2007 all three were high and there was money
- 2005/06, the good times, three types of funding are given to schools: equalization money, deficit spending money, COLA
- In May 2007 PFT did deal which had a 3% raise = 6 million
- Immediately after, revenues starting to decline and come in under projections; it didn't get better
- January 2008 Governor's budget was 1.4 Billion dollars under COLA. At an emergency session, Governor recommended 507 million dollars be cut to education this year. This money was taken from a designated pot of money that would have been going to schools, but was held back. For Poway, that was \$932,000
- The COLA has continued to go up as revenues decline

- Governor then suspended Prop 98, the guaranteed base for funding education which enables funding to go below the base level.

Meeting Closed:

- Feb. 28th Negotiations debrief
- PFT Proposal for Range of Options and Timeline

Confidential Session opened 5:40

- Some teachers feel the minutes are spent mostly in confidential session and there is some concern about public openness.
- M. Houle clarified that the confidential mins are open and available to any member if they come to the PFT and request to see the mins.

5) IV. Budget Talking Points

- a) Reviewed and clarified the following PFT talking points to be shared during site visits this month:

1. Tenured Notices
2. March/May Notices
3. CSR
4. District Office Cuts
5. Transportation
6. New Schools
7. Site Budget Cuts
8. Transfer Policy
9. Early Retirement
10. Roll Backs

- b) Discussed and decided the above Talking Pts would not be shared in an email to all teachers because they need context; hence, the reason for scheduling site visits this month. Concern is that not all sites or teachers will hear this information due to the time constraints.

6. PFT Survey on Range of Options

- a) Prior to the PFT Survey on Range of Options, Marc will email all teachers related bulleted information to provide context.
- b) Survey will go out to all members by the last week in March.

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 pm

Note: Monday, March 10th Exec Board meeting cancelled due to after school site visits to inform teachers on PFT Range of Options Proposal/Information.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17th

Submitted by Candy Smiley, Director