

**Executive Council Minutes**  
**Open Session**  
**August 29, 2006**

**Officers present:** President Marc Houle, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/6-12 Director of Educational Issues and Labor Relations Candy Smiley, Communications Secretary Naomi Lukaszewski, Treasurer/K-5 Director of Educational Issues and Labor Relations Karen Wusthoff

**Reps:** R. Ruark, Twin Peaks

**Meeting called to order:** 4:40 p.m.

*Secretary's Note: The meeting started late due to the Communications Secretary being delayed by traffic cause by an accident on the freeway.*

**Handouts:** Agenda  
 AT & T phone bill dated August 13, 2006

### **I. Minutes**

*Secretary's note: Due to the late start and the large amount of information to be covered, the August 22 minutes will be approved electronically or at the next scheduled Executive Council Meeting.*

### **II. AT & T Phone Bill**

- A. Service Provided
  - 1. 6 Centrix phone lines
    - a. covered by wire maintenance insurance
  - 2. 4 voicemail boxes
- B. President reviewed usage, will adjust service.
  - 1. Reduce lines to 5
    - a. One line for each staff person and the Administrative Assistant + FAX line
  - 2. Drop wire insurance coverage
    - a. Wire maintenance in rental building is owner's responsibility.
  - 3. Reduce voicemail boxes to 1.
- C. Total savings: \$1846.92
- D. Long distance plan expires in May 2007.
- E. President will research other providers, get quotes.
  - 1. May be able to get same service for less cost.

### **III. PUSD Board Election**

- A. 3 seats up for re-election.
  - 1. P. Rantfle, J. Mangum, and S. McMillan incumbents.
    - a. S. McMillan is not running for re-election.
- B. 2 candidates have contacted President inquiring about endorsement.
  - 1. Todd Gutshaw
    - a. endorsed by Rantfle & Mangum and district personnel.
  - 2. TJ Zane
    - a. endorsed by McMillan
- C. Secretary contacted former COPE chair R. Mercurio asking about endorsement procedure.
  - 1. Executive Council approached candidates, interviewed all candidates before issuing an endorsement.
  - 2. Only Executive Council interviewed candidates.
- D. Proposal from President
  - 1. Hold Town Hall Meeting with moderator. Include parents, PTSA, reps, teachers, members of the community.
    - a. Moderator collects questions and asks all candidates.
  - 2. Executive Council decides whether or not to endorse with input from reps.

Question: Are you looking to use PFT money for this?

Response: COPE has about \$5000. COPE money has been used to support Board elections and proposition campaigns affecting education. It's an appropriate use of the money.

E. 6-12 Director to call Palomar Council to see if they have already given an endorsement or if they plan to.

#### **IV. Executive Board Realignment**

A. Consulted with Attorney regarding resignation of an incumbent PFT president.

1. Attorney's legal opinion regarding succession procedures within PFT Constitution.

a. No election necessary.

b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President becomes President.

2. Attorney's legal opinion regarding employment of Officers.

a. Constitution and By-Laws do not prohibit incumbent officers from also holding PFT staff positions concurrently with elected office.

b. Therefore, C. Smiley is 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and a PFT Director. K. Wusthoff is Treasurer and a PFT Director.

B. Constitution states that the PFT President may appoint a replacement for any elected office that is vacated before the term is completed.

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's position is open.

#### Discussion:

- It does not make sense to announce the vacancy and solicit interested candidates in September, hold interviews, wait for the next rep meeting to ratify appointment, and then have an election in November. It would set up a situation where there could be a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in office for only 2 weeks. Plus, we had begun a serious discussion about restructuring the Executive Council last year.
- You could appoint someone sooner and have them ratified at the October meeting.
- It still would set up a short term situation regardless.
- Yes, you would still have the next election cycle to deal with.
- We need to discuss the restructuring at the September Rep Meeting.
- [President to Secretary] Can you pull the discussion from the minutes and send them out to the Reps to review?
- What about the Election cycle that's going to start according to the Constitution?
- I think the first thing to do is decide whether or not to restructure. If we have agreement on that, we need to immediately amend the Constitution to change the election to June instead of December. That eliminates the dilemma of holding an election before we have a new structure in place.

**Consensus: The Communications Secretary will send out an e-mail to the Reps with the Restructuring Discussions from the 2005-2006 year attached, along with the "Pertinent Information" document written by the committee. The Reps will be asked to review the discussions and come to the September Rep meeting prepared to discuss restructuring the Executive Council.**

#### **V. Rep Binder**

A. Response to Rep Council request for training.

B. Contents

1. Info letter from Communications Secretary regarding minutes.

2. Directions to the PFT Offices via the 15.

a. Need to contact Communications Secretary for directions from specific site.

3. Copy of contract

4. Dividers in order to file information in organized fashion.

**VI. Workstreams Review**

A. Update tasks and document completed tasks.

1. Revisions to be e-mailed to Communications Secretary

**VII. Representing**

A. Workman's Compensation

1. Outside the scope of PFT jurisdiction.
  - a. Workman's Comp is not part of the collective bargaining agreement.
2. PFT cannot give legal advice, nor can district insurance people.
3. Member must go to the EEOC and obtain an attorney.

**Meeting closed:** 5:30 p.m. Confidential Session opened.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12**

September 5 has been reserved for site visits.

Submitted by Naomi Lukaszewski, PFT Communications Secretary