

**Minutes of PTA Emergency Council Meeting
May 16, 2016
Home of PTA Council President Samantha Phillips**

Meeting Called to Order at 9:35am.

Quorum in Attendance:

Rochester PTA Council: President Samantha Phillips, Vice President Barbra Rill and Treasurer Tracy Gruber

Rochester Council Chairs: Steam Chair Michelle Bueltel

Local Unit Representation:

Rochester Adams: Marion Wehner, Anne Marie Scheff

Delta Kelly: Amy Bauer, Joanne Deys

Hampton: Betsie Brodbeck

Hugger: Jen Witt

Long Meadow: Maria Miceli, Lisa Roscoe

Meadow Brook: Jennifer Thor

Musson: Julie Wonboy

Reuther: Jenni Glaspie

Rochester: Barb Anness

Van Hoosen: Mary Jo Saari, Deb Dunn

West: Debra Jones, Jeanette Howes

Not voting: Rochester Education Association: President Doug Hill, Deb Laton

Presentation of House -vs-Senate DPS Legislation

- Presented by Barb Anness
- Discussed differences in the house and senate bills regarding: Start-up costs, non-certified/certified teachers, Superintendent hiring differences.
- Michelle Bueltel concerned if districts (even Rochester with languages) were using the practice of non-certified teachers. Doug - Certified teacher assigned to the class as well.
- Barb Anness discussed that the house bill was heavily lobbied by charter schools as it is in the best interest of Charter schools.
- Barb Anness Senate Plan is less egregious, best interest of the students.
- Samantha Phillips spoke about how the emergency meeting came about - discussion over what could our PTA's do to support DPS, Doug Hill suggested a "Walk In" with the Rochester PTA Council taking the lead and the REA to partner and support the senate plan.

Motion

Motion on the floor to discuss a possible "walk in" at all schools in the Rochester Community School District.
Motion by Barbra Rill, second by Lisa Roscoe.

Motion Discussion

- Michelle Bueltel asked why are we calling it a "walk in?" Deb Lawton stated that a "walk in" is a legal labor term, Walk in means no job action is being taken. Marion Wehner recommended to strongly stay away from a "walk out"
- Amy Bauer voiced concern and asked if it will happen if we vote no? Barb Anness stated that there was a separate group of parents in RCS that are willing to take on the Walk In if we vote no.
- Deb L (REA Board rep) stated that the teachers have been chomping at the bit to do "something" to support DPS

- Amy Bauer feels that the entire thing is too rushed, discussed many things happening at Delta Kelly that week. Barb Anness explained why the rush - Michigan Legislative conference to be held in Mackinaw in two weeks. Need to let legislatures know that we advocate for all kids.
- Debbie Jones - Asked what exactly do we support for Detroit Public Schools? Barb stated that it is much more impactful if we are detailed about what we are supporting. Debbie Jones and Michelle Bueltel agreed on being detailed. Joanne Dyes stated that we support DPS and we believe the Senate plan is the best option.
- Mary Jo Saari suggested having the walk in all at one place so we could have a bigger impact with more people. Samantha explained that the teachers want to participate and they need to be at their schools to report at the contract times.
- Walk In date of Monday, May 23rd was discussed, high school parents were concerned about it being finals for the seniors. Alternate dates of May 25th or 26th were suggested, some felt strong that we would like the students in the PTSA's to all have the opportunity to participate.
- Amy Bauer concerned about elementary teachers holding signs and students being scared. Samantha and Joanne Deys said that it was to be a positive support effort.
- Michelle Bueltel asked about when we were going to release a statement. Samantha said we will make a statement to local PTA's and have them communicate to their members. Communication will be key, especially with the students.
- REA contacting Paras and secretaries, paras will hopefully support, secretaries will have to report to work before the walk in so will probably be unable to participate.
- Deb L. (REA) made a comment that they really aren't in support of either legislation, mostly in support of getting attention for DPS.
- Michelle Bueltel asks where money will come from for printing costs. Tracy Gruber, PTA council treasurer, commented that we also have \$150 left in the council printing budget for this year. Sam suggested to use the advocacy award of \$500 we received from the National PTA.

Motion to vote on statement:

- Detailed statement was discussed, the following was the final statement to be presented for a vote:

“The Rochester PTA Council and REA will conduct a "walk-in" on Monday May 23rd, before school, at each of the RCS elementary, middle and high schools, to show support for (a plan that includes):

- **certified teachers in all Detroit Public School (classrooms)**
- **adequate transitional funding**
- **a more expedient return to local control**
- **supporting Senate Bill 710 as opposed to House Bill 5384**

Rochester Community PTA Council believe that every child deserves a quality education, in a safe learning environment.”

- Some members requested a paper vote, Deb (REA) collected votes and tallied, motion/statement passed 14 yes' and 6 no's, with a total of 20 voting.
- Samantha discussed communication via Facebook pages, newsletter (if not school messenger), email chairs and any members on email lists.

Funding/Budget Motion

Samantha asks for a motion to use advocacy award money of \$500 for printing costs.

Joanne Deys motions the budget change, second by Debbie Jones. Motion approved 20 - 0.

Discussion of Signage:

- Those in attendance wanted signage to be very detailed.
- Signage to read Support “Detroit Students”

- Some signs to talk about adequate funding.
- Barb Anness showed mock ups of signage, some were re-worked with the group to send to printing the following day.

Samantha discussed needing to know if schools were not participating, especially since we are partnering with the REA.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Quorum was present. Per the Rochester PTA Council Bylaws Approved in 2016; a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of at least two officers and one delegate from a majority of the member PTA/PTSAs.

Minutes:

Approved as written: _____ Date: _____

Approved as corrected: X Date: 5/19/2016

Minutes taken by Barbra Rill, Vice President