

Monday, January 14, 2008
Sand Creek Elementary
Draft Format

Members present: Cindi Leitch, Gwen Marlatt, Jody Papini, Chris Bell, Nicole DiPasquale, Mike O'Day, Kirsten Martinez, Laura Bush, Brenda Smith, Joe White, Rick Umbach, Cheryl Heaton

Approval of Minutes: Cheryl brought the minutes for approval. Jody approved the minutes Mike O'Day seconded it. It was a unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report - Cindi brought the budget for approval. Chris moved to accept the budget, Laura seconded it. It was a unanimous vote.

Membership Report - We have been attending Classified Orientations on Wednesdays. This is where we are getting the most members now. Our MSS people are also working on recruiting.

Retiree Chapter Presentation : Joanne Slanovich attended the meeting to present the idea of having a retirement chapter at DCF. Manpower is one of the most important benefits of having a retirement chapter. They could organize community projects, letter writing campaigns, political action, informative workshops and organizing drives. There could also be a social part of a retiree chapter. This could provide connections for the people who have left the classroom. Dues would also be collected from these members. The Executive Board will vote on this issue at next month's meeting.

Political Action - Billy Husher came from AFT Colorado to talk about political action. Political action at three levels : local school board, state and federal issues. COPE is a Committee on Political Education. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the state level please contact the AFT office.

Schedule A update - The District and the Union have been meeting to discuss Schedule A. We also want to add elementary activities to Schedule A. At this point we are gathering data and soon will be putting together expert groups to gather more information. This may take two years before any changes may appear on Schedule A.

Dual Credit - Kids can take college classes at our high schools taught by our teachers through ACC. They have always been able to take college classes during our school day. The courses are in our course catalogues in high schools.

Good and Welfare -
The budget situation in the district was discussed.