

De Soto Teachers' Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2012

Members present:

Nikki Leisten—president	Julie Woerdehoff—vice-president
Cindy Williams—secretary	Janice Wilcox—treasurer
Membership—Katie Millard	Negotiations—Cheron Tiffany
Newsletter—Jayma Beadle	Political Action—Riki Kisner
Angie DalBello—MVHS	Ed Wilcox—LTMS
Caroline Friday—LTMS	Melissa Eker—MCMS
Ashleigh Garcia—MCMS	Chelsea Cassell—MTMS
Lisa Miller-Best—BE	Holly Schreiber—BE
Mindy Leas—CCE	Connie Nash—CCE
Diane Enger—HE	April Regnier—HE
Jayma Holloway—ME	Kerri Ptacek—PRE
Traci Seyb—RE	Dani Durand—SE
Charlyn Shepherd—Crossroads UniServ Director	

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:35.
- II. The minutes of the December meeting were approved via e-mail.
- III. Janice gave the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$11,431.11.
- IV. Committees
 - A. Negotiations—Cheron stated that notice letters will be exchanged with the BOE on February 1.
 - B. Political action—Riki shared that electronic issues of "Under the Dome" have started being sent out. Sign up to receive it if you haven't already done so. She still needs volunteers to help with the committee. It was also mentioned that there are changes in the process for registering to vote in the primaries that members need to be aware of.
- V. Dani and Julie gave a brief recap of the December and January BOE meetings. Swimming programs at the high school level were approved beginning with the 2012-13 school year. The calendar for 12-13 was also approved. Changes in the elementary report cards were put on hold until the common core standards are fully implemented.
- VI. Old business

- A. BOE meeting meals—Several buildings have not provided meals and need to volunteer for March and April of this year.
 - B. KPERS petition— A post card will be sent to every KPERS member in the district informing them of a petition asking the legislature not to change the defined benefit system. All Johnson County schools are participating. It will be available in our schools from January 17-20 for staff members to sign.
 - C. KNEA Representative Assembly sectional will be on January 26 at the Eastern Regional Office in Shawnee.
 - D. KNEA Representative Assembly is April 21-22 in Topeka. There are delegate spots open, and we need a replacement for one delegate who is unable to attend.
- VII. New business
- A. Election of DTA officers and delegates for the NEA Representative Assembly in Washington, DC, in July will take place in the near future. Susan Slater will coordinate the elections again this year.
- VIII. Items from the floor
- A. Concerns with technology continue, as buildings have received grants for new technology but are not able to use items or have to wait long periods of time to get things installed.
 - B. There was also continuing concern about Morgan-Hunter being paid to find substitutes when teachers are doing this themselves.
 - C. There was some discussion about the change of date for fall conferences for next year. Some teachers feel this is too soon, and they won't have a chance to really get to know their students prior to this date.
 - D. It was shared that elementary supply lists will be developed at the building/grade level rather than have one set list across the district.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.