

HART DISTRICT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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President's Summary of HDTA Representative Council Meeting

May 16, 2017

Below is a summary of topics discussed at the HDTA Representative Council meeting held on May 15, 2107. Please see your site rep for any clarifications.

1. There were two site based decisions to be discussed and voted on. Both dealt with different bell schedules on the campuses to accommodate either a late start or an early release. Both were discussed and passed.. They will now be presented to the school board for their approval. Once a site based decision has been voted on twice and presented to HDTA rep council and the school board for approval, the decision becomes part of the campus's structure until such time as they vote again to change it.
2. Our Day of the Teacher gifts were a hit. We thanked Wade Williams for spearheading this effort and for choosing the gift. Thank you all for your continued good work with our students.
3. Fall semester dates were put on our calendars. The annual HDTA New Teacher Lunch will be on Friday, August 4. Our first two full work days will be split between the usual informational meetings/PD/high school English meetings. On Monday and Tuesday staff meetings/PD will be held on campuses from 8 to 11 and then the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade English teachers will meet at the district office for curriculum training from 12 to 3. Others will remain on campus and engage in activities as directed by their principals. Please remember that Wednesday, August 9, is the meeting-free teacher work day – no meetings can be scheduled by an administrator during this time!
4. The negotiations team shared that the progress is still slow at the table. They will meet again on Tuesday, May 16, to continue discussions. There will be survey coming your way in the not-too-distant future to get your input on next year's negotiations of the entire contract. Be thinking of those areas of the contract on which you would like to give input.
5. We opened the agenda up in the "other" section and had a rather interesting discussion of happenings on some campuses. One of our high schools is experimenting with an unusual approach to PD; we are keeping an eye on that experiment! Questions concerning health care changes were presented and it was suggested that it might be a good idea for some of our members to attend Sen. Steve Knight's town hall meetings to discuss the changes to the ACA/AHCA. We also considered issues of academic freedom and curricular implementations. It was a lively discussion.
6. Jayme shared the busyness of her last month with meetings and conferences. Besides the usual school board meetings and meetings with teachers, there is a Bay Valley Service Center meeting and a CTA State Council to be attended before calling it a year.
7. I will leave this point on the President's Summary because the information is important.

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8. In conclusion, thank you for allowing me to serve our teachers in this capacity. Here's to an event-free end of the school year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayme Allsman
President, HDTA