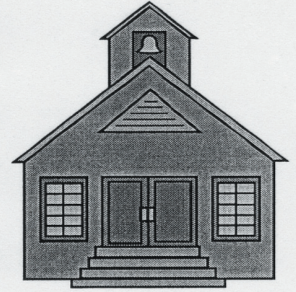


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PLEASE Vote

The changes and updating of the CVEA Constitution and By Laws is now up to your vote. Every effort has been made to make the process known through every step, and the proposed documents have been emailed to all members.

This will require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership to pass. In other words, it will take more yes votes than the total number of members who typically vote in any election. So your vote is critically important.

TPEP Update

TPEP, the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Pilot, is moving forward with a serious effort on the part of the teachers, principals, district directors and parents on the committee. By the time you get this, the presentations on the grant and process should be complete in all of the buildings. You are encouraged to give input and express your concerns as we move through this endeavor. Every building has at least one CVEA member on the committee. Feel free to talk to that person or to call the CVEA office (926-0201) with your comments and concerns. Having input into the state mandated evaluation reform is why we got involved with the grant in the first place. I know that “transparency” is one of those catch words that are overused now, but that really is the intent of this whole process.

New Format: Perspective

The format of this newsletter is different now because most members are choosing to receive it electronically. It is formatted for the 8 1/2 by 11 paper that is most likely in your printer, in case you need to print it out.

CVEA Communications Plan

David Phelps, Director of Communications for WEA, came to the CVEA office on October 20 to spend the day working with Josh Kaiel and Steve Lalonde to begin to form a communications plan for CVEA.

Included in the plan discussion are a Facebook page, Groupsite secure access sites, various survey sites, Twitter and blogging. A committee will be formed to prepare recommendations to the Executive Board. Then a plan will be presented to the Representative Council for approval. Most of this will occur after the winter break.

HR reminder

Wednesday, December 1, from 3:00 to 5:00 Tracy Turner and Sue Watilo are holding a drop-in opportunity at the LTC for you to get any HR related information you need.

There will also be three opportunities for you to take a two hour class concerning credit and clock hour regulations. Contact Sue Watilo at 5459 to sign up for one of those.

WEA Nominations and Elections

The following WEA governance positions are open for nominations:

- WEA President
- WEA Vice-President
- NEA State Delegate to the NEA Board
- WEA EW Vice-President
- WEA EW Treasurer
- WEA EW ACE Chair
- WEA EW Member At Large

If you are interested in being nominated for any of these positions, please contact Bev Schaefer at 326-4046. The deadline for some of these is December 14.

WANT REIMBURSEMENT?

If you want reimbursement for supplies and tuition in your January check the deadline is December 1. Forms were placed in your boxes some time ago. If you have questions, contact Martha Poffenroth @ 228-5465 or Birgit Hodgson @ 228-5464.

Time Perception of 1 Minute



WEA Children's Fund

(contributing and using)

The goal of the WEA Children's Fund is to help meet the modest and immediate needs of students in our schools. The intent is to make sure that the physical, social and emotional needs of student don't stand in the way of success within the school setting.

You may access the fund by calling 800-622-3393, ext. 7033 or www.washingtonea.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=154. They are going to try to simplify that url, but that is it for now.

You will need to complete a member request form then forward the receipt via mail or fax for reimbursement.

- WEA Children's Fund provides help for members who occasionally spend their own money to fund children's needs;
- Request for shoes, clothes, winter wear and immediate school supplies are honored; and
- Larger or unusual requests (glasses, bee sting kits, etc.) are reviewed by the WEA Children's Fund Board and are funded on the basis of available resources.

Please Note: A WEA Children's Fund Board Policy states we will not reimburse members for purchases made at Wal-Mart

Donations to the fund come from WEA members and staff who raise money through raffles, auctions and

honorariums. You can help make a difference by supporting the fund through your contributions. Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to the WEA Children's Fund and mail to WEA Children's Fund, P.O. Box 9100, Federal Way, WA 98063-9100. You may also designate the Children's Fund on your United Way Pledge.

Thanks to Gayle Northcutt, Wenatchee Education Association for providing much of this article.

The Death and Life of the Great American School System

The association has purchased a dozen of these books for members to check-out and read. It is written by Diane Ravitch, Assistant Secretary of Education under President George H. W. Bush, and one of the key people in the development of No Child Left Behind. She has since decided that most of that effort has been completely counterproductive. That is no surprise to the classroom practitioner.

She was the keynote speaker at the NEA Representative Assembly in July, where she recieved the NEA Friend of Education Award.

From the NEA website:

"Ravitch blasted high-stakes testing, saying it might lead to higher test scores but not to real learning. She attacked merit pay because it undermines team work and has no support in education research. She warned that public school choice and more charter schools could split

the public school system into one system for haves and one for have-nots, because many charter schools skim the best students. And she noted that national studies have repeatedly failed to find charter schools do a better job."

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CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 25 - Nov. 28

Half Day on the 24th

Tuesday, December 7

CVEA Exectuive Board Meeting
4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 8

Eastern Washington Uniserv Council Meeting
5:30 PM

Tuesday, December 14

CVEA Rep Council Meeting
4:00pm, Cuppa Joe's

Winter Break

December 19 - January 3

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