

President's Report to Representative Council

Oct. 1, 2018

- ◆ Please check the Rep Council Agenda for a list of important upcoming October events. We are beginning our “listening sessions” this month. These are times we are ask members to come share their stories, experiences, concerns, ideas, wants, wishes, needs so we are more relevant and informed. Leadership is committed to listening to members voices and have that drive our bargaining and association. We have turned in our “crystal balls”. This new system only works if members attend. They will not know to attend if you do not explain these sessions and promote them. While we hope to gather information from specific grade levels, all members are welcome. This is a safe place for probationary teachers to have their voices heard too.

Wednesday, October 10 - 6th, 7th, 8th grade teachers

Thursday, October 18 - TK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade teachers

Listening 4:00 - 5:00 at the CTA Building 4751 Central Way, Fairfield

- ◆ It is not too late to sign up for the Professional Development by teachers for teachers on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 8:30 - 4:00 at Will C Wood High School in Vacaville. Register at <https://sites.google.com/view/cilc2018>
- ◆ Special Education issues continue to be a huge topic of conversations from co-teach model, to IEP attendance, to balancing of students, and incorrectly placed students. This will not be a quick or easy process. We are tackling all the information received by FSUTA both directly with school sites and through our Special Education Task Force. Stay tuned.
- ◆ Board Policy for makeup work and late work has been a topic since last year when the Governing Board revised their policies in ways that were unacceptable to teachers. After some research, FSUTA discovered that the Board Policies and the accompanying Administrative Regulations did not match. At this time, Kristen Witt and Tim Goree are working on aligning these policies and should bring them back to the Governing Board for approval of the revisions. We will be monitoring the progress because we believe this is another opportunity for us to make the public aware of these policies as they are not what is best for students.
- ◆ If you have not done so, consider establishing a quick communication system at your site. This does not have to be shared with FSUTA. It is a way for you, as Site Reps, to quickly alert and inform your staff. Each site is different in culture and size so do what works best for you but please establish communication lines.
- ◆ Beginning this month, please have members sign in on the roster (provided) if they attend your 10-minute meeting. Also make any corrections or additions to the roster. **Return the signed, updated roster to the FSUTA office no later than Wednesday, October 17.** You may put it in district mail to Nancy Dunn at the FSUTA Office or mail/drop it by 827 Missouri Street, #4, Fairfield, CA.