



Association of Texas Professional Educators
Region 20 ATPE



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MINUTES
 General Meeting
 Dec. 12, 2012

- I. President Tina Briones welcomed the members and Secretary Julie Mihalko presented the secretary's report from the previous meeting.
- II. A presentation was made by the nominations committee.
- III. ATPE Governmental Relations Director Brock Gregg made a presentation to the members on teacher retirement, testing and the new ATPE advocacy website.

What is really happening in our schools and to our TRS?

We need to give retiree's a pat on the back of a job well done. They got out there and fought for our rights as teachers and have talked with our legislators about our retirement system to not to be touched. Retirees have not gotten an increase in their pensions since they have retired. We need to look at changing that. We have write and talk with our legislators or us as teachers creating a system that will help them with the climbing economy. We might have to change our retirement age from 60 to 62. The more we show we can take control on our own money's the more congress can't touch our retirements.

ATPE has a new website that is 1 year old. It is very informative and info gets to those who don't get the e-mails. Teach the vote was talked and now is spreading the word. It is making a big difference to our legislators. We need to help teach our legislators what the schools are really like not what they are hearing on the news. A blog daily has been created for members to input information. This helps all of our new legislators that are not familiar of the issues that plague our schools. The blog will also have on going discussion on what is going on when a bill and post it. It will show how they voted and it will be formatted in words that you can understand.

We have headings in our newspaper that 15% of a student's grade test scores will count in their grades. What does this mean and does it ease the burden on teachers and testing. The state has not done anything about testing it has taken a burden out on the students and parents. This is not good for the schools in high stakes & performance. We need do more about students learning not about how they take a test. This is only about making a school look good to all developers. It's about developers getting more profits and making more money in their markets. The parents don't realize this and think the schools are better schools. We need to worry more about the emotional needs and problems of each child.

- IV. Make sure you let your president know who you recruited. Please don't wait until the last moment. It closes to the 22nd.
- V. We have 109 members in San Antonio.
- VI. The golf tournament did really well—they raised fourteen thousand dollars.
- VII. The PAC winner was Jo Ann Moulder.
- VIII. Tina Briones won as our new director and Mary Reyes stepped up from Vice President to President of Region 20.
- IX. Mr. Rodriguez of Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union donated items to our members. (Pencils, pens, markers etc.)
- X. Door prizes winners for Lackland:
 - Kim Martin
 - Sharon Mc Caskill
 - Julie Mihalko
 - Rosa Linda Santoyo
 - Irma Moreno
- XI. Next Region 20 meeting is at Golden Wok off Wuzbach. We're asking for you to try to car pool due to limited parking. Auctions needs items, so please bring in things to donate.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mihalko
Region 20 Secretary