

VTA and VUSD Check In Report to Site Reps and Executive Board August 2023

Every month, VTA and VUSD leaders come together to discuss concerns and solve issues. We have been meeting like this for over a year now and the meetings have been very productive and useful. We would love for you to know what kinds of things we are tackling on your behalf. Some issues are still in progress and are not reported here. Feel free to share information with members at the site(s) you represent.

-Brenda Hensley, VTA President

Summary of Issues from August 2023 Meeting:

-We are working with HR to streamline the process of getting transcript units pre approved.

-It is imperative that you as an employee keep track of the sick leave and personal necessity leave that you use. We discussed issues relating to the lag time of sick leave reporting on pay warrants. HR and payroll are continuing to review procedures and looking for opportunities to improve the efficiency of the process of leave accounting.

-Payroll is working on a Paystub Information Sheet to send to employees to have you understand what is on your paystub.

-We have set up VTA/VUSD SPED Quarterly meetings for the entire year already. Please contact Becky Wylie at Jepson for information about who is on the committee for VTA and how you can give input.

-Ali Eeds held the first Professional Development Advisory Committee and it was well attended by a group of VTA members. Thank you to Myrna Baylis, Alyson Brauning, Krista Robertson, Emily Doss, Tracy Begley, Julie McGee, Sarah Longaker, Kate Wyffels, Navjot Kaur, Joy Alden, Shelly Capps, Imani Rodney, and Laurie Vidt for serving on this committee. Please reach out to them with PD questions/suggestions/concerns.

-We are going to have a school safety dialogue with Ramiro Barron and Jeremy Johnson at our October Rep Council. If you have any safety concerns, please let your site reps and directors know and they can bring it up at that meeting.

-Currently working on an MOU for community day program for Shereene Wilkerson Academy of Excellence.

-If you are overpaid by the district for some reason, payroll should contact you before corrections are made. They **MUST** set up a payment plan with you. If you need help, please contact Lisa Cusi at Jepson.

-Cathy Bozzini sent out an email recruiting veteran educators to be mentors to our new folks. If you are interested in mentoring someone, please contact Cathy at ESC.

-There were some communication glitches for new SPED folks and the before-the-school-year training. SPED department will be following up with additional information on make-up opportunities soon.

-Art/Music Grant monies: Each site was sent a portion of the Arts/Music Grant for this year; contact your site administrator for how to use those funds. VTA Members Stephanie Jones-Elliott and Melinda Ellis are supporting implementation of the Arts/Music Grants and you can reach out to them with feedback, as well as Ali Eeds.