

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
MTA Conference Center
June 10, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:43 p.m.

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Lorraine Richards

1. Lorraine provided a recap of this year's events: board elections, negotiations, electronic voting implementation, SBAC, LCAP, LCFF, and Common Core Café.
2. On June 6, MTA held the Retirement Dinner at the Reef. The theme was "Some Enchanted Evening." Ten (10) teachers were honored. Currently, there are at twenty-five (25) teachers retiring this year.
3. The Comprehensive Learning Framework is complete. The Framework Implementation Team (FIT) had another meeting and will be implementing the framework.
4. Lorraine thanked members for their donations. Relay for Life donations totaled \$101 dollars.
5. MTA held Trust Fund Interviews.
6. MTA Bargaining begins June 12-13. A settlement is not foreseen by the end of the year. MTA will keep members posted through email.
7. The CalSTRS Unfunded Liability will be discussed at the 2014 Fall Leadership, October 18-19.
8. Lorraine provided a list of the conferences and meetings that she will be attending this summer.

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternate seated for Liliana Daproza (LME) was Leticia Ornelas.

D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE OPEN HEARING- Filiberto Arizmendi

The LCAP will be monitored by the Revenue and Expense Committee. Lorraine and Fili have been going to the meetings to help compose it. The LCAP has employee, parent, and community input. It is on the district website. There will be a public hearing on June 5th. The MUSD Board has until the end of the month to approve it. Fili discussed the CalSTRS Unfunded Liability piece, declining enrollment, and student inter and intra permits.

MUSD has concluded the field test for the SBAC. The MUSD Information Technology Department (IT) and a committee will be working on the on-line elementary progress reports. The status is ongoing. Fili provided an update on Bond and Facilities.

E. BUDGET REPORT-Guillermo Sandoval

Guillermo gave a presentation on the 2013-2014 budget. MTA dues are lower. There are more members going to trainings and workshops. Rental income is higher due to Wi-Fi access. Kathy took furlough days and that helped the budget as well. The budget is on the MTA website-montebelloteachers.org.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA –ADDITIONS

Under Reports, Discussion, or Actions:

Democratic Advocacy was added to letter g.

Agenda approved with the changes.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read by Chris Low (MOI), Ed Guzman (MOI) and Julian De La Torre (CIS). Motion was made and carried to accept the May 2014 Representative Council Minutes.

H. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, OR ACTIONS

a. Election Results (Runoff for CTA State Council) - D. Lebow

Elections Chair, D. Lebow, reported on the results for CTA State Council runoff. One hundred and seventy five (175) ballots were cast. There were no blank or illegal ballots. The results are the following: Margie Granado* (BAE) 112 votes. Irma Navarro (Adult Ed.) 63 votes.

Note:*=elect

b. Insurance Committee- G. Cunningham & S. De la Cruz

The Insurance Committee has been discussing cost effective vision plans. They have been doing comparisons between the current provider VSP and MES. Sandra stated the benefits and savings members would receive under MES as opposed to VSP. It would be negotiated by two bargaining units and the decision would be made by the end of next month. If changed, the new plan would begin in January and information would be provided during open enrollment.

c. Budget Adoption- G. Sandoval

The 2014-2015 budget was proposed by Guillermo at the May 21 meeting. The Executive Committee made a recommendation to accept the MTA budget 2014-2015. Motion made and carried.

d. Perfect Attendance Awards- L. Richards

Drawing for five or more meetings: Hector Vazquez (MAI). Drawing for perfect attendance meeting winners: Ed Guzman (MOI), Chris Low (MOI), Robin Ponce-Edgington (BAE).

e. Conference Reports – C. Uribe, P. Valdry, and L. Rios

Scholarships were given out at the beginning of the year. The following members attended the Good Teaching Conference and provided a report on their attendance. Pamela (SUI) attended a workshop that focused on reluctant readers, and another one on how to get along with colleagues when having data team meetings. L. Rios (MHS) attended workshops that focused on free internet tools, how to engage her students through blogs and how to make literature come to life through power points, interactive writing tools and writing tools. C. Uribe (ATC) learned about Common Core technology and free apps.

f. CTA State Council Report- State Council Delegates

Margie stated there was much discussion on CalSTRS Unfunded Liability Proposal. Ed is in the Civil Rights in Education Committee. The committee worked on finalizing the language on the School to Prison Pipeline. Alma, who is the Early Childhood Education Committee, talked about three important bills: AB 1719 (Full Day Kindergarten), SB 387 (Transitional Kindergarten Bill), and AB 1444 (Mandatory Kindergarten).

g. Democratic Advocacy-Ryan Rice (ATC)

Ryan gave a commentary on local union member participation.

h. Installation of Officers-Tyrone Cabell, CTA Director District L

1. Tyrone provided an update on the Vergara v. State of California from a CTA perspective. The lawsuit brought on by Students Matter challenged the due process in teacher dismissals, experience as a criteria for layoffs and the two year probationary period for teachers. The case alleged that the laws were unconstitutional and hurt students. The plaintiffs did not produce a single example of a student being harmed by any of these laws. The ruling was flawed. CTA, CFT, and the State of California will appeal.

2. Installation of the Officers. The 2014-2015 Executive Committee: President: Lorraine Richards; Vice-President: Margie Granado; Secretary: Alma Orta; Treasurer: Guillermo Sandoval; Elementary Director: Kathy Arriola; Elementary Director: Rita Galvan; Intermediate Director: Andy Shinn; High School Director: Carmen Patlan; Support Staff Director: Sandra De La Cruz; Adult Education Director: Filiberto Arrizmendi.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Fall Leadership Conference - October 18-19 at the Residence Inn Oxnard River Ridge
b. 2014-2015 Building Reps are due NOW!

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Submitted by

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