

**Montebello Teachers Association**  
Representative Council Meeting  
February 24, 2014  
MTA Conference Center

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

**B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Lorraine Richards**

1. Lorraine attended the Region III President's Meeting. There were presentations regarding the Strategic Plan where CTA has taken a more proactive position on current issues of LCFF and LCAP.
2. Lorraine's focus is on the LCFF formula and the resources to use to make sure that the district is also giving us the correct forecast. LCAP meetings are occurring with the Cabinet, MTA, CSEA and Administration. Principals are also meeting on Mondays.
3. Professional development, technology, and instructional materials are being looked at in Common Core and how best to use the money by 2015. The Common Core Café will host Session 3 on Comprehension Skills on March 20th.
4. Details regarding the SBAC implementation will be given to the sites.
5. According to AB 484 which establishes California's new student assessment system there will be no API calculation.
6. Lorraine attended a CTA press conference outside the L.A. Superior Court after the plaintiffs concluded their side in the court in the Vergara vs. State of California case. There will be a recess and they will continue with the state and intervening parties on March 4<sup>th</sup>. CTA has started to work on an appeals process should the ruling be in favor of Vergara.
7. Lorraine provided an update on other local teacher unions. The Alpine Teachers Association approved a new contract by a 96% margin with the Alpine Union School District ending a three- day strike over cuts in salary and health benefits. Bellflower Teachers Association mobilized after negotiations were not going as expected. They now have tentative agreements and will move forward with ratification.
8. Lorraine attended the Labor Advisory Committee Meeting conducted by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and hosted by Aerospace Workers Union in Long Beach. It consists of many different types of labor unions in the area such as nurses, postal and iron workers. It was an opportunity to hear about issues that are affecting multiple industries.
9. As mentioned in the Comprehensive Framework, the district will be moving towards 50% pathways at the high school level. Lorraine has been attending meetings at LACOE and ELAC. The grant requires a partnership with a Community College. She also attended the Pathway Advisory Board Meeting where a brief overview of all our pathways was provided. Lorraine met the businesses that we have partnerships within the community. Further details regarding their involvement is being discussed.
10. On February 11, the MTA Executive Committee met with Cabinet regarding the discussions from the MTA Leadership Meeting breakout sessions that occurred Sunday morning. The concerns from the leaders were presented and action will be taken on the discussed items.

**C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Alternate seated for Margie Granado (BAE) was Sylvia Montenegro.

**D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE OPEN HEARING - Filiberto Arizmendi**

Fili reviewed topics from the Revenue and Expense Committee meetings.

He provided an update on enrollment. The district is down by 821 students. The largest class size are high schools seniors while the kindergarten class is less than 2,000 students.

Fili also spoke on the latest facilities projects that are being done on various sites such as the football field at SHS, the building being built at WAE which is almost 70% complete and other projects being done at BGE, JGE, and CCE.

The district is committed to QUIEA.

Fili informed Council how the district selects vendors. The district goes for the best quality at the best price and also tries to buy in bulk.

There will be an LCAP Town-Hall Meeting March 13. Involvement on behalf of the teachers is very important. There is a Right to Consult with the union in the statute. This is an opportunity for all stakeholders to be involved: teachers, CSEA, parents and the community. The conversation needs to begin prior to the LCAP being written.

Lorraine also informed Council that they can contact any of the members of Revenue and Expense for further questions or concerns before Rep. Council.

**E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - ADDITIONS**

The following additional items were added to the agenda:

d. Calstrs was added to Reports, Discussions or Actions

c. Adult Education hosting Parent Education Conference was added to Announcements

a. Calendar Committee and b. Budget Report switched their order in Reports, Discussion or Actions

Agenda approved with the changes.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were read by Victoria Landeros-Lopez (FRE), Marie Madsen (MHS), and Ed Guzman (MOI). Motion was made and carried to accept the January 2014 Representative Council minutes.

**G. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, OR ACTIONS**

**a. Calendar Committee - A. Orta**

Committee Chairperson A. Orta (SUE) thanked the committee members: Elizabeth Kocharian (BGHS), Alan Lee (MAI) and Irma Navarro (Adult Ed.) for their work on the committee. The proposed modified, traditional and adult education calendars for 2014-2015 were based on the calendar surveys that were administered in the Spring of 2013. The calendars were recommended by the Executive Committee on February 4, 2014 and were posted on the MTA webpage. Executive Committee moved to accept the 2014-2015 calendars as presented. Motion was made and carried.

**b. Budget Report - G. Sandoval**

Guillermo presented on the budget and reviewed the revenue and expenses that required clarification. There is more rental income than last year. Office operations are less than last year.

**c. Trust Fund Appointment - L. Richards**

The Executive Committee recommended Roshan Shah (MOA) to the Trust Fund Committee. Appointment was approved unanimously.

**d. CALSTRS Discussion - J. De La Torre**

Julian discussed the status of STRS. CTA President and Gov. Brown have been discussing STRS but they have tabled the conversation. In order for CALSTRS to be solvent, more contributions may be asked by the State, the districts and the members. Lorraine mentioned that CTA has been active on this issue.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Nominations due Today.
- b. Grievance Workshop March 11.
- c. Parent Ed. Conference hosted by Adult Education on March 22. Further information will be provided on MTA contact.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Submitted by

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J. De La Torre