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2016-2017 Executive Committee Installed



The MTA Executive Committee was installed at Tuesday's Council meeting. Terms begin July 1. From left to right: Elementary Director Eddie Garcia (BVE), High School Director Elizabeth Kocharian (BGH), Elementary Director Doug Patzkowski (BVE), Secretary Alma Orta (SUE), President Lorraine Richards (MTA), Adult Education Director Jaime Quintero (FPA), and Vice President Paul Chavez (SHS). Not pictured are Intermediate Director Frank Zaragoza (SHS) and Treasurer Ed Guzman (MOI). The Executive committee was installed by CTA Director District L Tyrone Cabell who was also honored by Council. Tyrone will be retiring from the CTA Board and a teacher in the Los Angeles County Office of Education this summer.

Ballots Delivered Via Email Tuesday for Support Staff Director and CTA State Council

The vacant Support Staff Director position and a vacant CTA State Council Representative term will be filled in an election beginning Tuesday, June 14. Ballots will be sent electronically. Paper ballots will be available at the MTA office through Tuesday, June 21 at 2 p.m.

Executive Committee Thanked for Service

Four members have completed their terms and will no longer serve on the Executive Committee. Pictured from left to right: Adult Education Director Fili Arizmendi (MOA), Elementary Director Rita Galvan (CIS), High School Director Carmen Patlan (SHS), and Vice President Margie Grando (BAE).

Mott Wins Perfect Attendance Drawing

Those who attend all 10 Council meets are eligible for a \$100 gift card. This year eight names were entered: Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis (BAE), Robin PonceEdgington (BAE), Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE), Iva Chen-Kang (PHE), David Navar (WGE), Nealisha Byrd (MOI), Chris Low (MOI) and Kathy Mott (SUI). Congratulations Kathy Mott!!!



Organizing Committee Continues With "No Confidence" Plans

Council thanked the Organizing Team for all the hard work and well planned activities this past year. Pictured from left to right: Eddie Garcia (BVE), Doug Patzkowski (BVE), Cathie Reed (JGE), and Christine Garcia (BVE). Honored and not pictured: Claudia Garcia (JGE), Liz Contreras (JGE), Peace Samora (JGE), Cynthia Correa (JGE) and Erica Estrada (JGE).

Council Approves "No Confidence Resolution"

The Association will present a "No Confidence" Resolution against Superintendent Susanna Contreras Smith at the **Thursday, June 23 Board of Education meeting**. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The Council made plans to continue attending BOE meetings, participating on organizing activities, and demanding changes from the Board of Education.





June 7, 2016



Revenue and Expense Report

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA

Filiberto Arizmendi (MOA)
Ryan Rice (ATC)
Lorie Autenrieth (MAI)
Alma Orta (SUE), alternate

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

The month of February 2016.....	\$17,898,552.85
The month of February 2015.....	\$16,806,803.74
Year to date this year	\$183,960,944.86
Year to date last year.....	\$154,791,119.72

Expenses

The month of February 2016.....	\$19,075,827.51
The month of February 2015.....	\$17,780,001.70
Year to date this year	\$129,356,010.73
Year to date last year.....	\$115,380,651.35

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

- The June 8 Revenue and Expense meeting will focus on the District's legal expenses and the billing practices of the contracted attorneys.
 - It is customary for most clients to receive an itemized bill from their attorneys showing daily entries with time worked (down to the tenth of the hour) and a brief description of the work performed. Members of the Revenue and Expense Committee have asked about the far less detailed bills from David Kenney (Kenney and Kropff, Lawyers).
 - Members of the Committee have recommended that the Board of Education should ask for more detailed records of time worked if only to comply with their obligations to ensure that all public monies are spent appropriately.
 - The expenses for general council are almost as high or sometimes higher than the fees. In December 2015 the fees were \$48,464 and the expenses were \$39,613. Apparently these other lawyers were contracted by the District and instead of the District paying them directly, it appears that Kenny and Kropff paid them and then, turning around and getting reimbursed for those payments by the District. While it is typical for an attorney to pay consultants, court reporters, etc., it is not typical for the lawyers to pay other lawyers.
 - The Committee is asking for more information on the contracts and payments to attorneys and consultants.
- The Board of Education held the first LCAP public hearing June 2. That evening a presentation was made concerning the various elements of the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) scheduled for publication June 16, 2016. The Board of Education intends to review the LCAP at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 23, 2016, for consideration and discussion. A second public hearing on the LCAP is currently scheduled for June 30, 2016, for final action. The LCAP is available on-line at Montebello.k12.ca.us.
- Bell Gardens High School and Montebello High School were funded to replace the running tracks at a cost of \$1 million and the football fields at a cost of \$1.9 million.
- Seven sites were painted this spring: Bella Vista Elementary, Fremont Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Montebello Park Elementary, Rosewood Park School, Suva Elementary, and Winter Gardens Elementary. The District spent an additional \$1.4 million to paint the schools after the Board of Education disallowed the lowest bid because that company didn't submit its corporate seal or a financial statement on its contract materials. The board voted 5-0 without comment to award a more than \$2.5 million contract to GDL Best Contractors of Whittier after rejecting the \$1.1 million bid from A.J. Fistes Corp. of Long Beach.