



Council: January 17, 2016 · 3:30-5 p.m. at the MTA CC

1. The Martin Luther King Holiday is Monday, January 16. **Council is Tuesday, January 17. It may feel like a Monday;** but, it will be Tuesday!
2. The Retiree Supplemental Health Plan (**Trust**) **reimburses retirees age 67 and over for insurance premiums.** The District reimburses eligible retirees through age 66. Currently MTA members and retirees less than 67 years old contribute (as part of dues) \$150 per month ten times a year (\$1500 annually). In order to keep up with higher insurance premium costs and larger numbers of retirees on the plan, the Trust Fund Committee **is recommending an increase to the contribution.** Trust Fund Committee members Gilbert Gomez (MHS), Roshan Shah (MHS), and Andy Shinn (BGI) will discuss the plan and offer recommendation for contribution increases beginning October 1, 2017.
3. The Council passed a motion in November regarding increased Bargaining Unit member **input in determining projects for Bond GS.** The motion was read to the Board of Education by President Lorraine Richards at the December 15 meeting. **Organizing Committee** Chairperson Doug Patzkowski (BVE) will discuss the reaction from the Board of Education and next steps.
4. The Association's Standing Rule 4.1 states: "A Montebello Teachers Association leadership conference shall be held annually for the purpose of providing leadership techniques, information, and inspiration to delegates from the Association." Following several years of declining attendance and increasing costs, the Council suspended the rule in 2015 and 2016. In place of the annual conference, the Association has provided multiple trainings and socials throughout the year. The Executive Committee reviewed participation in the trainings compared to the annual conference and offered a survey to members last month. **The Executive Committee recommends that the Council amend the Standing Rule to allow an annual conference or multiple offerings throughout the year based on member surveys.** Internal Concerns Committee Chairperson Eddie Garcia (BVE) will discuss the recommendation with Council.
5. Reminders:
 - a. NGSS Workshop January 24 – 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC
 - b. Technology Integration Workshop January 31 – 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC
 - c. MTA Social February 28 – 3:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn