

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Representative Council Meeting

November 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dianne GarciaStevens

1. Dianne shared with members the results of the School Board Election. Elected Board members are Gerri Guzman, Hector Chacon, and Edwin Chau. Board members are thankful for support we gave them. Also, they want to thank those individual members for phone banking.
2. Through program Stand Up For Schools, CTA wants us to bring awareness to our family, friends and community about what is happening to our schools because of budget cuts. The community is not fully aware because we try doing what we can to compensate for budget cuts. One school in Riverside wears red on designated day of the week to bring attention. Please share such ideas with other members and let others know about our cuts.
3. Governor signed bill AB 56 X3 that ensures money for QEIA schools. Five schools in Montebello that receive funding will now have it for eight years.
4. A personal goal for Dianne is to keep us informed of RTTT (Race To The Top). Thanks for CTA meeting with A. Duncan and modifying testing criteria to include multiple measures. We will keep an eye on legislators. For example Senator Romero pushed RTTT in the Senate. It is now in the assembly. Assembly did not want to rush things and will address in January. CTA president, David Sanchez, believes RTTT will be an indicator of reauthorization of No Child Left Behind. Question and answer discussion followed.
5. Dianne reported that Montebello's budget will have \$12-14 million in cuts for next year. Adult Education teachers feared that program would be taken away. It will not be eliminated, but it will have budget cuts. Question and answer discussion followed.

REVENUE & EXPENSE OPEN HEARING - L. Richards

Lorraine gave report on the Revenue & Expense. Highlights of report were the Measure M completed projects, and Energy Savings Update, School/Healthy Students Grant Initiative. More information can be found on the November 16th Contact.

BUDGET REPORT - R. Rice

Ryan reported on MTA savings and expenses. Highlights of reports are the less amount spent on office operations and an increase in retiree dues. CTA is giving us more money.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Jazmine Tucker (GAE) attended as an Alternate.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Concern for testing in elementary schools was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved by Brian Stevens (LMI), Pat Mendoza (WAE), and Gayle Moriyama (MPE).

REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTION

1. Sheakley Section– D.GarciaStevens

Dianne informed members on flexible spending plan. We are calling it to your attention because of new insurance plans. It is available on district website.

2. Relation Meetings & New Member Holiday Dinner – D. GarciaStevens & K. Schlotz

Dianne reminded members to turn in dinner reservation by Monday, November 23. She referred to green flyer made available to member at council. We will record conversations between veteran and new teachers on paper and send them to CTA.

3. Safety Reports - K. Schlotz

Kathy shared with members that there is new language on safety reports. There are activities by contract and one by state. We are working on getting it down to one report. Administration needs to have had safety committee filled by September 30. Final safety report to state is due by January 22. It is important that MTA member sign off on safety report. Safety report form will be available online.

4. State Council Report- State Council Representatives

Dianne GarciaStevens - Dianne reported on what was shared by CTA president David Sanchez about being aware of initiatives that are being proposed by legislators to attack payroll employee benefits. Also, Dianne is a member of committee whose goal is to find alternate means to fund education.

Julian De La Torre - Julian reported that CTA is reminding members to take care of ourselves so we can in turn help our students. RTTT program wants to change our retirement system. We need to become more involved in these decisions. We cannot be business as usual.

Ed Guzman - Ed shared with members about questions that should be addressed. The questions were: What will you do to organize? What are challenges we are giving to members? What are personal stories you can share with others?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Scholarships for Scholars-Lupe Angeles

This program provides scholarships for undocumented students who pursue higher education. 20 students have been sponsored so far. Donations are accepted.

2. YMCA Fund Raiser - K. Schlotz

Members invited to BJ's Restaurant for Fund Raiser.

3. Ms. Marquez from Rosewood Park is retiring. Please contact for more information.

4. Drawing: Rosalva Estrada (SUE) won gift certificate. Pumpkin pies were given as prizes to raffle winners.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Submitted by,



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