

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Representative Council Meeting

January 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dianne GarciaStevens

1. Dianne started her report by wishing all a restful winter break. She acknowledged visitors from Bill Gorman & Associates and First Financial Credit Union. MTA coasters were distributed. Contact MTA office if more are needed.
2. Flyer for PTA fundraiser at Polly's Pies on February 1 was announced and available at council.
3. Elizabeth Gasca is recipient of "WHO" (We Honor Ours) Award. Please contact Dianne if interested in attending award ceremony on May 26 at Holiday Inn Select in La Mirada.
4. Dianne announced that Norm Kirschenbaum will be honored as superintendent of the year. He is currently superintendent of the Tri-cities ROP. He was a teacher, principal, and superintendent here in Montebello. More information can be found in the *Whittier Daily News*.
5. The next contact will ask for nominations for Blanche Chester Award. Read the contact for deadline and more information.
6. Montebello is not participating in RTTT program. There are more costs to participate than money coming in. Program is centered on having student testing tied to teacher salary and starting charter schools.
7. Please read "A Report from the President" flyer for more information on bargaining news.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Rocio Diaz was alternate from CCE.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was adopted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved by Ed Guzman (MOI), Andy Shinn (BGI), and Rita Galvan (PHE).

REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTIONS

1. Bargaining Team– A.Shinn
Andy, Bargaining Chair introduced members of Team: Julian De La Torre (EAI), Delores Rego (BGH), Frank Zaragoza (SHS) and Alma Orta (SUE). Executive Committee recommended Team. Council voted unanimously to accept Bargaining Team.

2. MUSD Update - D. GarciaStevens

Dianne shared that the District is looking to cut \$12 million. Budget information is available on MUSD website. Next year class size will return to pre-CSR levels. We have already lost teachers and one counselor due to increase in class size.

Executive Committee, members of Bargaining Team, and Executive Director will be visiting school sites to gather bargaining input.

We will be looking at March 10 to be cut off date for retirement incentives. Incentives looking to be 50% with 85 to 95 employees needed. This is one way to lower RIFs. More information is coming next week.

Dianne and Kathy answered questions from members.

3. Insurance Update - J. De La Torre

Julian reported that with enrollment in new program we have saved \$12 million.

Insurance Committee will create top 20 questions and answers to alleviate problems with communication and issues that have come up. An upcoming full day meeting will address health issues.

4. Elementary Testing- A. Orta & S. Salas

Alma and Sal attended meeting with district personnel on January 18, 2010. Twelve teachers attended and 90 teachers responded to online survey. District is open to input since program is in its pilot year. It is important to attend next meeting because district is considering comments on specific sections. Alma and Sal answered members questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEA RA Information - D. GarciaStevens

1. Nominations are due to CTA on February 3.
2. Leticia Ornelas (LNE) and Lilly Lamar (GWE) won gift prizes at this council.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary



Rita Galván

