

# **MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Representative Council Meeting

April 27, 2010

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:46 p.m.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dianne GarciaStevens**

1. Dianne started council by announcing that the retirement incentive was successful. Last count of retirees was at 49. Members who are still interested should contact Art Revueltas.
2. Dianne discussed the K-5 implementation and explained that members are assigned to school site and not a grade level.
3. Procedure of transfers was presented. Because of declining enrollment and class size increase, there might be a possibility that there will be no elementary positions open. Members at school sites will have first choice on fifth grade.
4. First reading of MTA budget will be at the May Rep Council meeting.
5. Capistrano Association ended strike yesterday.
6. Day of the Teacher gifts was distributed to reps at council. Official Day of the Teacher is May 12th. Reps can hand out pens any day from May 4th-12th.
7. Dianne attended PTA banquet. She congratulated PTA president, Linda Camacho, who was honored at the event.
8. Superintendent Edward Velasquez has reached a tentative contract with Lynwood Unified. Montebello board will make recommendation at next board meeting. If anyone has inquiries please contact assistant superintendent of pupil and community services Robert Henke.
9. Dianne reported that on April 1<sup>st</sup> the board created an additional cabinet-level position with title Liaison to the Board of Education. No regular posting or job description was given. The Board acted irresponsibly. It is wrong for this cabinet member to take a raise. Dianne is asking reps to go back to their school sites and invite everyone to join us, at the board meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She hopes members address Board with comments. Dianne addressed questions from members.

## **SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

There were no alternates present at this council.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Schurr High School Track Fundraiser was added to announcements.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved by Marie Stefanovich (JGE), Beverly Gunto (WAE), and Brian Stevens (LMI).

## **REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTIONS**

1. Proposed MUSD Calendars 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 – T. SalasOrtiz

Terry reviewed process of producing school calendars. She mentioned that Lorraine Richards was also involved along with those representing district office, Art Revueltas and Patrick Gittisriboongul. The calendar committee had to follow guidelines and used surveys to help choose dates. Terry reviewed dates for each calendar. She answered questions from members. A motion was made by Robin to divide calendars and seconded by Kathy Reyes. Motion was defeated. The motion to vote as a package was made. There were 50 votes accepting calendars as a package. Motion was passed to accept calendars presented as a package.

2. Nominations for 2010-2011 Executive Committee - G. Cunningham  
Gloria Cunningham announced the candidates for the Executive Committee elections:

Vice president - Julian De La Torre, Kathy Reyes, and Lorraine Richards.

Secretary - Guillermo Sandoval

Elementary Director - Sal Salas

High School Director - Elvia De La Cruz-Lopez, Gil Gomez

Adult Education Director- Carman Patlan and Irma Navarro

State Council Representative (3yr term) two positions - Julian De La Torre and Elvia De La Cruz.

3. Ratification and NEA RA Election Report - C. Reed  
Ratification was passed with 695 yes votes.  
NEA RA Election results are on Contact.
4. Blanche Chester Finalists - E. Gasca  
Elizabeth was proud to present recipient of Blanche Chester Award. Honoree was Terry SalasOrtiz.
5. CTA State Council Report - State Council Representatives  
Kathy Reyes - Kathy gave summary of CTA Executive Director Carolyn Doggett's speech. Doggett's message was that when you fight don't be lady like. The way state council ended was impactful for her. Kathy shared that a colleague from Pasadena had passed away. The work we do is sometimes not acknowledged. It is important to acknowledge while we are living.  
Julian De La Torre - Julian shared that as a member of negotiating committee they discussed salary, benefits and living conditions. Teachers work better in collaboration not in competition. Julian pointed out that 50% of teachers quit after first three years because of lack of support. CTA and NEA are here to support you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Retirement Dinner- June 4 "Walking on Sunshine" in Long Beach at The Reef.
2. "WHO" Banquet - May 26 Recognizing Elizabeth Gasca
3. Southeastern Service "Making Choices and Can't Say No" workshop this Thursday 4-5:30 p.m.
4. Schurr High fundraiser for track team at Shakey's on Atlantic in Monterey Park.
5. Three gifts were handed out at this council.  
Laura Rios (MHS) won gift certificate at this council.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary

Binda Parato

Anna Navarro

Cynthia Barston