

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Representative Council Meeting

September 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dianne GarciaStevens

1. Dianne welcomed members back to a new school year.
2. She gave a reminder of renewing dental insurance. Healthcare forms were available at the meeting. More information of changes to health plans was given at council.
3. Dianne shared about Los Angeles Times posting teacher ratings. Questions on this topic were brought to MTA during the summer. Test scores cannot be used for evaluation. More information of this topic will be available after first state council.
4. Elementary and intermediate schools were inquiring about extra minutes on schedule due to furlough days. If this is brought forth by administration it is incorrect. Furlough days do not have anything to do with minutes of the day.
5. Art Revueltas has changed title to Deputy Superintendent.
6. Student enrollment is 750 less students this year. The district will be utilizing money from the Education Jobs bill. MTA will be looking at best way to use money without disrupting your classrooms as much as possible.
7. Energy savings for this summer was \$400,000.
8. Dianne answered question from member. Literacy coach cannot enter classroom as an evaluator.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Christina Olivarez (SHS) served as alternate at this council.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved by Rita Galvan (PHE), Kenneth Ortiz (FRE), and Maria Balderas (SUE)

REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTIONS

1. 2011 Insurance Update - J. De La Torre, G. Gomez
(Guest: Mark Lowenthal/J. Glynn & Company)
Julian shared the names of members of insurance committee; Patty Knapp (DO) Brenda Wade (Ret.), Julian De La Torre (EAI), Gilbert Gomez (MHS), Dianne and Kathy. He shared it is a great challenge looking at healthcare changes.
Mark Lowenthal presented on open enrollment updates. Price for insurance has been rising over last two decades. New enrollment for flexible spending was announced. Member questions were answered from presenter. A link will be placed on MTA website for CECHCR (California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform) information.

2. Campaign 2010-Training of Trainers - J. De La Torre, R. Rice
CTA has asked us to participate in Campaign 2010 Member Canvass Card. For motivation an incentive program was developed. Information was passed out at council. The goal of the contest is to get largest percentage of members to complete the form by 4pm Thursday, September 30. Julian and Ryan presented what we have planned for the upcoming election.
3. Superintendent Search - D. GarciaStevens
MTA members voted unanimously for Dianne to write letter to Board requesting an update on Superintendent search and to keep us involved in the process.
4. MTA's Greatest Hits - D. GarciaStevens
Dianne reviewed Fall Leadership Conference. The theme of the conference is celebrating Greatest Hits.
MTA now has Facebook page.
5. QEIA Implementation Update - D. GarciaStevens
There are five schools in our district who are in program: WGE, LME, LMI, BGI and BHS. They are doing very well in test scores. Full implementation of core and non-core classes is happening this year. Dianne reminded members to make sure to keep track of maximum number of students. For those who want training through CTA please inquire.
6. Trust Fund Appointment- D. GarciaStevens
Members voted unanimously to support Gil Gomez as new member to MTA Trust Fund.
7. RA Update- RA Delegates
Delegates shared experiences and insights of NEA Representative Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A member promoted event Family Day event on Monday, September 27. Posters were made available.

Linda Camacho promoted MCPTA event. Flyers were provided at council.

1. Kenneth Ortiz (FRE) won gift certificate at this council.
2. Maria Balderas won book, *The Death and Life of the American School System* by Dianne Ravitch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary

