

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Representative Council Meeting

January 25, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:48 pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Dianne GarciaStevens

1. Dianne announced that Blanche Chester Award nominations are due February 25th. Members can use the nomination form on January 17th's *Contact*.
2. Retirement Plan Pre-Conference Session was announced. Information included date and location. Yellow slip was filled out by those members interested in attending.
3. The CTA Political Academy Conference on March 11th-13th was announced. CTA can pay for two members. If interested see Julian for more information.
4. United States President Barack Obama will give State of the Union at 6pm. Education and economy will be the important issues.
5. During last fall, the film *Waiting for Superman* was in the news. At Issues Conference the film *Race to Nowhere* was screened. The film focuses on the consequences of high stake testing. Screening information and link will be made available on MTA website. We need to give positive support to counter *Waiting for Superman*.
6. Dianne reported on the collection made for La Habra teachers. In a short amount of time we collected \$500 at last rep council. The association added another \$500. In total we donated \$1,000. They were grateful for our donation. They have not settled and have taken it to litigation.
7. Dianne congratulated Gil Gomez for receiving the WHO award. Gil will be honored on May 18th at Holiday Inn Select in La Mirada.

VISITOR - David Vela, Board of Education

David shared with members what happened with last year's financial crisis. The Montebello Board of Education worked with leadership from MTA to look at budget and not cut teachers' jobs from MUSD. Montebello was able to apply for grants to assist us. Academically we are doing very well. The Applied Technology Center will be an example of job creation and will give us national attention. We need to get our youth ready for the workforce. The district has commenced the search for a permanent superintendent.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Christina Olivares (SHS), Laura Martinez (WAE) served as alternates this council.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved by Maria Balderas (SUE), Chris Low (MOI), and Tony Richards (MHS)

REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTIONS

1. State Budget Update – K. Schlotz

Kathy reported on State budget. Money that is guaranteed to education has been deferred. We got 3% back this year. We will have about the same next year. In order for that to happen voters need to extend income and sale taxes and the current Vehicle License Fee. Legislature needs to put in by end of March and it needs to be passed by end of June. There is a tight timeline. There will be \$330 less ADA per student if it does not happen. We are losing federal money already, so total could be \$500 less ADA per student.

2. EL Articulation Task Force- A. Orta, M. Granado

Margie and Alma presented this issue in December. Students were being grouped together based on language level and taxing teacher for being the only English model. District office responded by stating it was a programming issue. Alma asked if this issue was present at other school sites. Members asked questions. Concerns can be sent to Alma.

3. Insurance Committee - Gil Gomez

Dianne reported that MTA is featured in the CTA *Educator's* January issue and CalPERS will be making a movie based on insurance experience.

Gil reported that we are going to go self-insured in dental coverage. By converting to self-insured we will have potential large savings each month. This savings will go to our insurance pool and not to district. There will be no change in benefits. More information will be available after next insurance committee meeting.

4. Transfers (voluntary & involuntary) - K. Schlotz

Kathy reported that since we are opening new school there might be movement. If interested put name on transfer list by April 15th at human resources. You may list three schools of preference. More information can be found on the back of January 24^{th's} *Contact*. Later in the year there might be involuntary transfers and we will find out more as the year goes on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Retirement Conference Drawing

Kathy Reyes and Phil Rodriguez won.

2. Gift card drawing was won by Suzette Clark (MAI)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary

