

# MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Representative Council Meeting

March 15, 2011

## CALL TO ORDER

Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:41 pm

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Dianne GarciaStevens

1. Dianne reported on district's superintendent search. District held a special board meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to address superintendent search. Dianne encouraged reps to write a letter to Ed Chau and to encourage members at sites to do likewise. Letters should be mailed Ed Chau's home address. Board information is available on MTA website.
2. District office appointed new principal for Applied Technology Center, Patricia Hancock, formerly at Antelope Valley High School. If members are interested in transferring to the ATC they can submit paperwork to human resources.
3. District office is distributing VPSS notices through special ed. meetings. Members will be reimbursed up to \$200 dollars for preparation of CSET.
4. MTA will have Retirement Workshop on May 10<sup>th</sup>. If there is anyone at your site is thinking about retirement please forward names to MTA office.
5. Non-returning employees meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> to address benefits.
6. Dianne will be visiting Vail High School and Rosewood Park. If you want Dianne and Kathy to visit your school site faculty club, please contact them.
7. Nominations for MTA offices are now open. They will close on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The open positions are for president, vice president, treasurer, elementary director, intermediate director, support staff director, and state council seat. Rebecca Alcaraz, Andrew MacDiarmid, and Linda Camacho head the nominations committee. Please contact them if you running for open position.
8. Dianne thanked everyone for wearing red on Tuesdays. CTA has asked us to wear red every Tuesday to signify the cuts to education. We need to stand together and be the voice of our students.

## SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Yolanda Flores (MPE) served as alternate at this council.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved by Andrew McDiarmid (LMI), Ben Chavez (LMI), and Andy Shinn (BGI)

## REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTIONS

1. QEIA – D.GarciaStevens and QEIA Site Contacts  
Dianne reported on QEIA history. It started in 2008 from a lawsuit settlement between the Governor and CTA. The QEIA schools in our district are LMI, SUI,

BGI, and WGE . It is a model program that serves as an example against the Race to the Top (RTTT) program.

Representatives from each QEIA gave report on their respective schools.

2. State Budget Activities - J. De La Torre & R. Rice

Julian shared that Unions are at their darkest hour. We need hope. Like John F.

Kennedy stated once we must also ask not what our union can do for you, ask what you can do for your union.

Julian and Ryan met with Assemblyman Charles Calderon and made an appointment with Ron Calderon.

Members can request for Julian and Ryan to attend faculty club meeting at their site. There will be a rally at Pershing Square on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found on website.

Ryan shared that we are fighting for students

3. Grievance Workshop - A. Shinn

Andy shared that in two weeks from today he and Terri Salas-Ortiz will be conducting grievance workshop at LMI.

4. Legislation AB189 - I. Navarro

Irma shared that she attended the California Adult Education Forum. There were at least 300 people supporting adult education. Please support AB189 which addresses adult education funding.

5. Election Results - E. De La Cruz-Lopez

Members that were elected to the NEA RA in Chicago this summer are Julian De La Torre, Kathy Reyes, Irma Navarro, Ed Guzman, Alma Orta, Chris Kakimi, Laura Quintana, and Brian Stevens. More election information will be posted on MTA website.

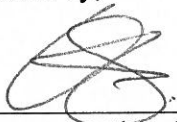
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. California Casualty Insurance announced that there has been a decrease in car insurance rates.
2. Sandy Day gave report on CTA Political Academy Conference.
3. Blanche Chester Nomination forms are due March 18<sup>th</sup>.
4. We are wearing red for education.
5. Parent Education Conference on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
6. Julian shared editorial letter from teacher with council.
7. Gift card drawing was won by Vicky Sierra (MOI)

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary

