

Montebello Teachers Association  
Representative Council  
May 15, 2012  
MTA Conference Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

March's Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:44pm.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Julian reported there was a high number of applicants for administration jobs: 103 for high school with 10 passing the paper screening and moving onto the interview; 77 for intermediate and elementary with 13 passing the paper screening and moving onto the interview.
2. Julian reminded Council how many changes there are going to be with administration and leadership in the district, our members need to realize the importance keeping our sites strong with MTA leadership. Each site needs be sure that the faculty clubs are well established.
3. Julian shared that there are many ways to describe a rainy day schedule. Calls to the MTA office were received regarding the interpretation of the definition of a rainy day that determines a school is on a rainy day schedule.
4. There is going to be transitional kindergarten at BGE, WIE, LME, and GWE.
5. The board meeting has been cancelled for Thursday, May 17th. A special board meeting will be held Saturday, May 19th regarding the superintendent opening.
6. On May 21st bargaining will begin. Administration notified MTA they will be opening up evaluations.
7. On May 23rd We Honor Ours (WHO) award dinner will honor two of our members Guillermo Sandoval as our local recipient and immediate past MTA President Dianne GarciaStevens will be receiving the CTA State Southeastern WHO Award.
8. Past MTA President Margie Granado will be a delegate at the Democratic National Convention this September in Charlotte, North Carolina.
9. Dianne was recognized as a retiring president and was given a gift from MTA.

**BLANCHE CHESTER AWARD**

Julian announced the Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award recipient, Rita Galvan - EAI.

**SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

No alternates were seated.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as presented for today's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes were read by Ben Chavez - LMI, Veronica Fernandez - SUI, Gayle Moriyama - MPE. Motion made and carried to accept the April 2012 Representative Council minutes.

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER CANDIDATE - QUESTION & ANSWER**

1. Edwin Chau - Mr. Chau is a candidate for the 49th Assembly District. He spoke to council sharing his biography and expressed his gratitude towards the continued support of the

Montebello teachers. It was then opened to questions from the members and Mr. Chau answered the questions from council. He asked for MTA's endorsement for the election.

2. Tom Calderon - Mr. Calderon is a candidate for the 58th Assembly District. He shared his commitment to teachers and returning to the state as a legislator. Mr. Calderon answered questions from the members.

## **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTION**

### **1. Assembly Endorsement - Alma Orta**

Discussion regarding the endorsement of Edwin Chau. Motion made and carried unanimously to endorse Edwin Chau as a candidate for the 49th Assembly District.

Discussion regarding the endorsement of Tom Calderon. Motion made and carried unanimously to endorse Tom Calderon as a candidate for the 58th Assembly District.

### **2. Political Action -Initiatives - E. Guzman & G. Sandoval**

Ed Guzman gave an update regarding the Corporate Power Grab and Tax Initiative, and included that it looks as though there will be two tax initiatives for the November 2012 state election. A short YouTube video was showed that had a message from CTA President Dean Vogel regarding the corporate power grab initiative and how it affects all unions.

### **3. MTA Budget (first reading) - G. Sandoval**

Treasurer Guillermo Sandoval presented the first reading of the 2012-2013 MTA budget. The Executive Committee has recommended no increase in MTA dues. The Trust Fund contribution was increased by Council earlier this year and will be seen for the first time on the October 1, 2012 pay checks. The proposed budget is available for review on [www.montebelloteachers.org](http://www.montebelloteachers.org). Guillermo Sandoval covered some highlights regarding the budget. He stated there is a tenant for the MTA CC property therefore we have income for the rental. He also pointed out less retirees for next year is projected. Office operations have increased due to increase of rates for utilities. Personnel expenses will not be changed. Guillermo Sandoval answered questions regarding the budget.

### **4. Election Results - E. De La Cruz**

Elvia reported the following results from the election.

Vice-president: Gilbert Gomez - 467

Secretary: Lorraine Richards - 467

Elementary Director: Rita Galvan - 432


High School Director: Carmen Patlan - 452

Adult School Director: Filiberto Arizmendi - 430

State Council: Alma Orta - 219, Guillermo Sandoval - 146, and Ed Guzman - 137.

**ADJOURNMENT** - meeting adjourned at 5:14pm

Submitted by

  
Lorraine Richards, Secretary

