

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Representative Council Meeting
October 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

October's Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:44 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dianne GarciaStevens

1. Dianne started her report by updating members on state programs. First program to update is QEIA. Robin Ballard, Linda Camacho, and Ray Rivera lobbied in Sacramento. The proposal hit a snag, since governor vetoed the bill. The governor offered alternate proposal. CTA will be meeting with governor to see how effective it is.
2. A big buzz right now is the CLAD CTCL. Dianne referred to flyer "F3 NewsFlash" given to members at council. In another district one teacher was let go because they did not have the correct certification.
3. Race To The Top (RTTT) proposed by Arnie Duncan is presenting challenges. On October 11, governor took down firewall. He also proposed other changes such as lifting cap on charter schools. It has not passed yet. We can still call our local legislator asking for their support. It is possible that the state can make changes, yet not get awarded grant.
4. October 1st was the first day we were able to notify our administrator about class size. 20:1 is now 23.7:1 for 20:1 funding.
5. Dianne reminded members that they have until tomorrow (10/14) if they needed to cancel attending leadership conference, otherwise they will be charged.
6. Dianne welcomed newest elementary director Sal Salas.

Guest- Paul Gothold, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Grades 9-12 - Paul gave members an update on the Applied Technology Center. District is still moving forward with it. It is funded by measure M. It is scheduled to open fall 2011. MUSD was one of only 10 districts in California to receive the grant from ConnectEd. The grant is designed to allow the district to plan out its Multiple Pathways program for high-school students enrolled in academies. Paul introduced the new member of team Ayele Doodoo. Multiple Pathways is a program that marries career technical education with curriculum. Team will bring high school teachers together to see how Pathways looks like. Members participated in activity: A Standards-based Tower. Discussion followed activity.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

There were no alternates at this meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was adopted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved by Brian Stevens (LMI), Ed Guzman (MOI), and Rita Galvan (PHE).

REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTION

1. Open Enrollment– J. De La Torre

Dianne updated members with latest dates for enrollment. Information is also posted on website. Dianne and Julian thanked volunteers who helped with members and retirees: Robin Ballard (SUI), Karen (BHS), Gil Gomez (MHS) Elizabeth Gasca, and Betty (retiree). Gift certificates were given to them for their service.

Julian spoke about many R's involved: relevance, rigor, and relationships. Insurance is a relevant topic right now. A lot of rigor was needed to make it go. Adequate and affordable insurance was a relationship. We took a risk to allow a more affordable health plan. Julian thanked everyone for all their support.

Thanks were also given to board member Marcela Calderon for making contacts with CalPERS. Please let Calderon know that we appreciate her efforts.

2. Board Candidate Endorsements – R.Rice, D. GarciaStevens

Dianne shared that board members were thankful for support. They welcomed members to join them on campaign trail. Hector Chacon was proud of Montebello students volunteering their time in support of campaign. More information can be seen on Facebook. The three will be present at social this weekend if we want to talk with them.

3. Election Report-C. Reed

Cathy reported that 10 sites did not turn in voting ballots. One site had more ballots than signatures and one site was late. Final tally for Sal Salas was 408 votes. Margie Granado was elected as State Council rep with 302 votes.

4. NEA-RA- State & Local Delegates

Delegates shared experiences and knowledge gained at RA. Delegates were Ed Guzman, Brian Stevens, Chris Kakami, Kathy Reyes, Irma Navarro, Guillermo Sandoval and Dianne GarciaStevens. California was forefront of RA with new business items affecting other states.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Fall Leadership Conference is October 17-18, Oxnard
2. Drawing
3. Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) won gift certificate this meeting.

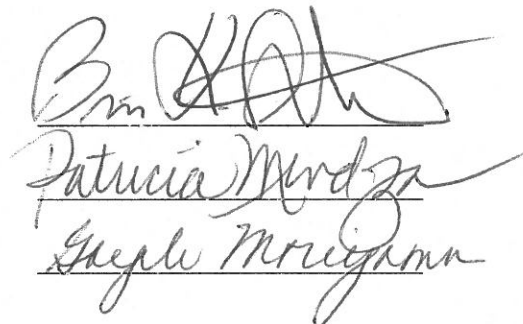
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary



Brian Stevens
Patricia Mendez
Gupele Morcigama