

# **MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Representative Council Meeting

February 15, 2011

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:42 pm.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Dianne GarciaStevens**

1. Dianne welcomed everyone and reminded members of Blanche Chester nominations.
2. Montebello Unified School Board minutes are now available online.  
Superintendent search has commenced. Dianne met with board president. The board thinks that having two interim superintendents is fine. MTA wants someone permanent. Board president Ed Chau will take concerns to next board meeting.
3. Retro checks should be sent to sites next week. They will not be available through direct deposit.
4. Dianne presented topic of furlough days. First day will be a general meeting at Montebello High School. The second and third days will be implemented by site. The fourth day will be site issues. Pupil services might have some information they need to share with sites.
5. Montebello Unified is moving toward electronic report cards. High schools will use them this summer. They hope to include middle schools and elementary schools. Middle and elementary schools have option to use them. The goal is to have everyone use them by 2011-12. Potrero Heights Elementary is currently using a template.
6. Next month is Read Across America. Please visit CTA website for more information. Materials are available at MTA office.
7. Dianne urged members to become aware of what is current in education issues. Obama is trying to have NCLB reauthorized to look like RTTT. We have experienced an increase in class size. LAUSD will lay off five thousand members. Here at Montebello we have a MOU of no RIFs, but we have to be watchful. In Wisconsin unions are under attack. Our Governor Brown's budget will cut education unless lawmakers move to extend taxes. We are going to need the support of the reps and members.
8. Contract language for parent conferences is available on website. Second parent conference at elementary schools is for teachers to meet with parents they have not had contact with and those students who need intervention.

## **REVENUE & EXPENSE OPEN HEARING - L. Richards**

Lorraine gave revenue and expense report. Facilities update on JGE and SHS and report on Applied Technology Center (ATC) was given. Questions from members were given.

## **SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

There were no alternates 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. Budget Report – R. Rice  
Ryan presented budget report. There are fewer dues because of fewer members. Retiree dues were raised a small amount. Office operations and personnel expenses are lower this year. Clarification was made on teacher welfare category.
2. Trust Fund Appointment- D. GarciaStevens  
The trust fund consists of four active members, one retiree, and two non-voting members. Committee members are Elizabeth Gasca, Pam Valdry, Gil Gomez, Dianne, Margie and Kathy. It is the responsibility of president to select a retiree member. Mary Dupuis was introduced as retiree member. Reps unanimously accepted Mary as the retiree member to the trust fund.
3. VPSS Update- K. Schlotz  
Kathy reviewed Verification Process for Teachers in Special Settings (VPSS) Members who are changing assignments can be affected by VPSS. Schools that are currently at most risk are QIEA schools. There is a possibility they will offer hours/credits during the summer for members who need them to meet VPSS. Kathy answered questions from members. It is 36 hours per subject. Not only are high schools affected but also intermediate schools. District will not pay for advancement on salary schedule. Members who need credits or hours will be contacted or have already been contacted.
4. State Council Report- State Council Delegates  
Dianne shared updates at state council. Members voted to support the Governor's, June ballot measure, oppose redevelopment projects and fee hikes in colleges. Also, in retirements; CalSTRS is 78% funded and good until 2044. It is receiving a 12.7% investment return. There is a Retirement committee flyer available on CTA website with more information on teacher pensions. CTA promotes school pool plan. The school health pool plan is in the works.

Ed reported that California's budget is at forefront. At state council CTA director George Melendez reported that it is necessary to pass extension of tax initiatives. A webinar on government pension offset is available on CTA website.

Elvia reported that she attended support services committee. The topic of the committee was support staff evaluations. Many districts that do not have an adequate evaluation for members in support services. Second topic was that CTA oppose SB65, which allows for teachers to administer medicine to students.

Julian reported that at state council it was urged to education at high priority in national and as well as state legislation. In the health committee the school plan was discussed. Health insurance is now 226% higher.

Margie shared the importance of CTA information that is shared by state council delegates. We have brand new government in Wisconsin that has changed. Their message is to break the unions. This movement is trying to come this way, to California. If you interested on information or want to volunteer visit website: [educationvotes.nea.org](http://educationvotes.nea.org).

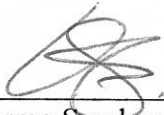
**ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. LA Marathon March 20<sup>th</sup>. Those who are interested in volunteering can contact Dorothy Chu or Alonso.
2. Gift card drawing was won by Sandy Day (BGI)

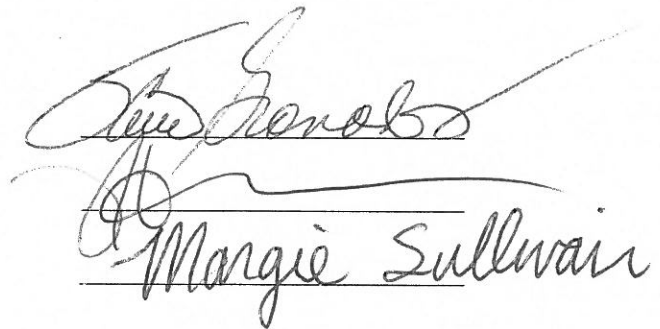
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by,



Guillermo Sandoval, Secretary



Margie Sullivan