

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council
March 20, 2012
MTA Conference Center

CALL TO ORDER

March's Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Kathy and Julian have visited approximately ten sites since the last meeting to go over the Payroll Deception initiative. Julian continued to explain another initiative, the recently created Compromise Tax Initiative with Governor Brown's Tax Initiative and The California Funding Restoration Act of 2012 CFT (California Federation of Teachers). The legislators will begin the initiative process and gather signatures.
2. Board of Education is having a hearing in the morning on March 24th at the district board room regarding the budget.
3. Southeastern Service Center Council has endorsed three members that affect our district and will be presented to CTA this weekend at State Council for approval.
4. Julian introduced the newly appointed Board of Education member, Mr. Paul Montoya.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY SEATED BOARD MEMBER

Newly seated MUSD Board Member Mr. Paul Montoya visited Rep Council and introduced himself. Paul took the oath of office Wednesday, February 29th and he spoke to Rep Council about his commitment to the district.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes were read by Ed Guzman - MOI, Elvia De La Cruz-Lopez - MOA, Gayle Moriyama - MPE. Motion made and carried to accept the February 2012 Representative Council minutes.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTION

1. Superintendent Search - Board of Education Member Ed Chau
Mr. Chau discussed the status of the Superintendent Search. The application process closed March 20, 2012 with 17 complete applicants. He shared that there were 20 interested applicants, although there were only 17 that completed the process. The applicants vary from assistant superintendents, deputy superintendents, and other various district office workers. On March 29th the School Board will be meeting with the consultant team and the consultants will present the recommendations based on the applications submitted. At that time, the Board will determine who will make it to the next phase of interviews. A subcommittee will be created that will visit the sites of the applicants by the end of April. Mr. Chau also shared that he is running for the 49th Assembly District seat, which covers three different areas that are part of our school district. Mike Ng and Judy Chu were previously in office, and he has gotten their endorsement for the election. Mr. Chau has run for four different terms for the board of education.
2. Faculty Club Moment (GAE) - Linda Camacho & Martha Chalen-Zarate
Martha shared that setting norms works very well. Also having an agenda with a question and answer section on the agenda gives the site an opportunity to share concerns and makes it

more inviting for the staff to come and have an opportunity to share issues/concerns. Martha expressed having food and drinks relaxes the feeling of meetings.

3. Site Specific Waivers - K. Schlotz

Kathy reviewed with Rep Council the procedures to seek a MTA Site Specific Waiver for banking minutes and staff development days. The deadline has been moved due to the conflict with Spring Break dates. She also clarified the agreement needs to be a parallel process. More information regarding MOUs is on-line at www.montebelloteachers.org.

4. Bargaining Team - A. Shinn

Bargaining Chairperson Andy Shinn (BGI) introduced his team that was approved by Executive Committee and asked Council to accept the members: Elvia De La Cruz-Lopez (MOA), Gilbert Gomez (MHS), Alma Orta (SUE), and Sandra Morales (DO). Executive Director Kathy Schlotz serves as an advisor to the team. Motion made and carried to accept the Bargaining Team. He also shared that there would be a Grievance Workshop on Tuesday, March 27th 3:30-5:30pm at the MTA Conference Center.

5. Standing Rules - L. Richards

Update regarding the bylaws, Lorraine shared that the CTA Governance Committee returned the bylaws with changes that are needed. The "not met" areas are being addressed by the MTA Internal Committee and the edited bylaws will be submitted to CTA Governance Committee for their next meeting June 2nd. The expected vote on the bylaws will be expected for September 2012. Ed Guzman - MOI made a motion to extend the challenging deadline of an election and there was a second. Ed expressed that extending the deadline is to cover those that are no longer at school and able to address the concern/challenge regarding within the timeline. The main concern he pointed out was regarding a June election. Debate continued and pointed out that the change to the challenge deadline was not necessary since elections were not typically held in June. Another point brought up was by increasing the number of days it would possibly delay the election further when the new school year starts, causing there to be a vacant office and duties to be fulfilled. Debated ended, motion was voted on and did not pass. The executive Committee has recommended for council to accept the updated Standing Rules. Motion made and carried to accept the Standing Rules.

5. Issues Conference - P. Rodriguez (BGH)

Phil attended the CTA Issues Conference in Las Vegas this past January. He gave a report about how he went about funding his conference attendance. He applied for a CTA scholarship. Sessions he attended included QEIA and a session that had a panel. He found it very informative.

6. Nominating Committee - J. De La Torre

Elections are in May 2012 for MTA Executive Board. Nominations close at the April 24th Rep Council meeting. President Julian De La Torre recommended the Nominating Committee: Kathy Arriola (WAE), Elizabeth Kocharian (BGH), Gloria Cunningham (WIE), Theresa Flores (GWE), Christopher Kakimi (CIS), and John Ramirez (EAI).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Grievance Workshop March 27th at MTA Conference Center 3:30-5:30pm
2. Nomination for MTA Executive Offices close April 24th


ELECTION RESULTS – C. Low

Local NEA Election Results were reported by Chris Low as the following. Elected candidates noted with an asterisk (*).

NEA RA Local Election Results	
<u>Two Year Term</u>	
Maria E. Balderas	149
*Julian De La Torre	311
<u>One Year Term</u>	
*Alma Orta	205
Andy Shinn	179
*Guillermo Sandoval	214
*Brian Stevens	183
*Dianne Stevens	383
*Christopher Kakimi	208
Laura Quintana	177
William P. Rodriguez	70
* Lorraine Richards	230
Tony Richards	155
*Kathy Reyes	234
Sandra Day	88
Elvia De La Cruz-Lopez	163
David Mata	85
Veronica Fernandez	151
Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis	114

ADJOURNMENT - meeting adjourned at 5:45p.m.

Submitted by


Lorraine Richards, Secretary

