

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
MTA Conference Center
June 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 3:37pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Julian De La Torre

1. He shared that this year's graduating classes accomplished much and pointed out a MHS graduate, Diego Vasquez who will be attending West Point.
2. He recognized Camino Federal Credit Union Teacher of the Year Rita Galvan, Teacher of the Year of the Montebello Rotary Club Lydia Sedano, CTA State WHO Award recipient Margie Granado, and CTA Local WHO Award recipient Irma Navarro.
3. Julian requested at the last Superintendents' meeting that a Common Core Committee be formed and that it include teacher representation.
4. He shared his experience at CTA Lobby Day in Sacramento, Julian and Tyrone were lucky to speak directly to the legislatures. The topics that he spoke about was LCFF and to keep the positive movement toward education.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

The following alternates were seated: Ricardo Ramirez for Feliciano Rodriguez - BGE; Toni Sanchez for Melinda Molina - BGE; Sandra Flores for Martha Chalen-Zarate - GAE; Celia Coronado for Bill Renner - BGH; Judi McAskill for Ned Parsons BGH; Anna Marie Lopez for Violeta Hernandez - SUE; Al Cuevas for Manny Sanchez - BGA; Belén Viramontes for Melina Valenzuela - Psychologists.

REVENUE AND EXPENSE OPEN HEARING – Lorraine Richards

Lorraine clarified the process that took place at the Revenue and Expense meeting regarding the top five budget priorities. She shared that discussion took place at a MTA executive board meeting to determine the five areas that are important for the association/teachers. At the Revenue and Expense meeting all members (MTA, AMSA, & CSEA) and ranked the five budget priorities as part of the exercise. During the process at the meeting it was pointed out the topics that were part of negotiations: class size, wages, benefits, teachers controlled professional development and should not be ranked. The results of the exercise were listed in detail in the MTA Contact Revenue and Expense June 2013 Quarterly Report. Cheryl also wanted to explain the Working to Graduate profile - The district will create students that will be: creators, collaborators, critical thinkers, and communicators. The spending for the district will need to reflect achievement towards these goals. Lorraine explained that there could be cuts at the federal level known as sequestering of federal funds for education at about 5%. Special Education is one of the areas that is going to be hurt too. Head start thought there was going to be a 5% cut, but in fact all of Head Start was eliminated. Although MUSD will be applying individually for funding and the Head Start funding will be looked at closely. MUSD understands the importance of the program and will be finding ways to keep Head Start. She also

continued to explain that deferred money will not come in until July and that TRANs will be needed.

BUDGET REPORT – Guillermo Sandoval

He reviewed the budget pointing out less MTA members leads to less revenue from dues. MTA did not want to raise dues. He also included that the budget was on the website montebelloteachers.org

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS

k. TC Concerns

l. Notification of Assignments for Next Year 2013-2014

Agenda approved with the changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Margie Sullivan, MPE; Suzette Clark, MAI; Corinna Villanueva, BGE.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

a. Board of Education Endorsements – E. Guzman

1. Ed Guzman reviewed the timeline for the Political Action Committee (PAC). The Political Action Committee recommended: Edgar Cisneros, Lani Cupchoy, Sergio Flores. Ed briefly described a background of the candidates. Motion made for candidates Edgar Cisneros, Sergio Flores, and Lani Cupchoy. Friendly amendment made and not accepted. Substitute motion to separate the the one (1) two year seat from the three (3) four year seats. Substitute motion made and carried. Motion made not to endorse any two year candidates. Discussion occurred, motion did not carry. Original motion was to accept Sergio Flores for the two year seat. Discussion occurred. Motion to close debate, second made and carried. Motion for the two year seat for Sergio Flores carried. Motion that was on the floor was out of order the Executive Board recommendation needs to be recognized. The recommendation from Executive Board is for Edgar Cisneros for the four year seat. Discussion occurred and recommendation carried. Another motion made to endorse Hector Chacon for an additional seat, four years. Discussion occurred. Call to close the debate, motion seconded - debate closed. Motion not carried to endorse Hector, abstentions noted. Motion made to endorse Lani Cupchoy for an additional seat, four years. Discussion occurred. Motion carried to endorse Lani, abstentions noted. Motion made for Fe De La Torre for another seat, four years. Discussion occurred. Call to close debate, motion seconded - debate closed. Motion for endorsement of Fe not carried, abstentions noted. Motion made to endorse Raul Alvarez for the four year seat. Discussion occurred. Motion for endorsement of Raul did not carry. Motion made to close the item on agenda and move on, seconded, motion carried.

b. MTA 2013-2014 Budget Adoption – G. Sandoval

1. Executive Board made a recommendation to accept the MTA budget 2013-14. Motion made and carried.

c. Election Report – C. Low

1. Chris Low read his report for the May 21st election. President: Julian De La Torre 304 and Lorraine Richards 340*; Vice President: Gilbert Gomez 217 and Margie Granado 410*; Treasurer: Guillermo Sandoval 548*; Elementary Director: Kathy Arriola 521*; Intermediate Director: Andy Shinn 308* and Laurie Autenreith 248; Support Staff Director: Sandra De La

Cruz 508; State Council: Julian De La Torre 273**, Ed Guzman 158, and Maria Balderas 183**. Note: *= elect and **= run off between Maria Balderas and Julian. By Laws - yes 509 and no 47. Chris also included: 3 sites no boxes; 6 ballot boxes invalid due to more ballots than signatures, 160 ballots invalid. A challenge was presented and members were recused from discussion - all members on the ballot, relatives, Election Committee, and counters of the ballots. Election Committee recommends to install the officers, all the protocols were met. Motion made to deny the challenge and uphold the election results. Call for question to end debate and motion approved. Secretary and State Council run-offs will be in October 2013.

d. Electronic Voting – K. Schlotz

1. The Executive Committee has been working for the past two years to begin electronic voting. Kathy explained the next process to go to internet voting and the Executive Board made the recommendation to go forth with a CTA recommended company, Big Pulse. We will continue with voting with paper ballots until internet voting is fully implemented. Council voted to continue to pursue Big Pulse.

e. Bargaining – G. Gomez

The Bargaining Team has reviewed all the input offered by Bargaining Unit members and met at the table with the District. Two bargaining meetings have been held and two tentative agreements were made. The State budget has not yet been adopted, including the funding and timelines for K-3 class size reduction thus compensation is yet to be negotiated. Next meeting is June 24th.

f. Calendar Committee – A. Orta

Committee Chairperson Alma Orta (SUE) reviewed the details of the survey (260) reviewed the committee's findings regarding the surveys. The Calendar Committee does not have a meeting on the calendar with MUSD planned for 2014-2015 calendars.

g. CTA State Council Report – State Council Representatives

1. Elvia De La Cruz discussed the need to continue with negotiations over the summer as the budget information comes in over the summer. She shared that Carolyn Doggett CTA Executive Director retired.

2. Margie Granado shared CTA dues will decrease \$3, and NEA will increase dues by \$3 plus \$1. She encouraged the members to speak to the RA members regarding their position on the dues.

k. TC Concerns

1. A question was brought up: Do the TC have rights? The teachers are hired for vacancies. Example a TOSA can turn to site. Those positions need to remain open. If it is truly a vacancy.

l. Notification of Assignments for Next Year 2013-2014

“Whenever possible, reassignments shall be announced no later than May 15.” is the wording in the contract. Therefore the assignments are left open, but MTA can speak to the principals if assignments are unreasonable.

m. Perfect Attendance Awards – J. De La Torre

1. Drawing for five or more meetings winner: Sylvia Viramontes and Marie Madsen; Drawing perfect attendance meeting winner: Margie Sullivan, Elvia De La Cruz, and Tony Richards.

j. Installation of Officers – Tony Mendoza

1. Tony spoke to rep council regarding his background and his intention to run for senate. Motion made to endorse Tony Mendoza for California State Senate District 30. Motion to table the endorsement, discussion occurred. Motion did not carry. Endorsement for Tony Mendoza as California State Senate District 30 carried.

2. Installation of the officers. The 2013-2014 Executive Committee: Immediate Past President: Julian De La Torre; Adult Education Director, Filiberto Arrizmendi; Support Staff Director, Sandra De La Cruz; High School Director, Carmen Patlan; Intermediate Director, Andy Shinn; Elementary Director, Kathy Arriola; Elementary Director, Rita Galvan; Treasurer, Guillermo Sandoval; Vice President: Margie Granado; President: Lorraine Richards.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None were made.

J. ADJOURNMENT 6:10pm

Submitted by

Lorraine Richards, Secretary

Cosme Nishikawa-Aranis

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Monica Arana