

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
MTA-CC
October 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

October's Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:41pm

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternate seated for Mauro Colmenarez (MOI) was Chris Low.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT – J. Rojas

Julian De La Torre expressed that President Hector Chacon, Board of Education initially accepted the invitation to attend a MTA meeting for the "State of the District" type of presentation, but was unable to attend per Superintendent Mr. Cleve Pell. Julian encouraged Mr. Pell to share with the Board of Education that a representative from the board needs to consider to have someone attend. Jill Rojas, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources was approached about attending the meeting and she gladly agreed. She listened to concerns, answered questions, and recognized the questions from Rep Council to be taken back to the Board of Education. Kathy Schlotz was the recorder of the questions and the reply to the questions will be brought back to Rep Council at a later date. One very important issue that this Council wanted clarity on was the Superintendents' Compensation especially the June increase.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – J. De La Torre

- A. Julian shared that administration and MTA have been visiting sites to share the initiatives on the ballot.
- B. Flicker video on the internet was played for council to show what occurred in Wisconsin after the loss of collective bargaining. Julian expressed the issues that unions face in California and the future of the nation's unionism.
- C. The Montebello Teachers Association will offer 6 scholarships for up to \$500 to attend one of the conferences listed above. Information regarding each conference is on www.montbelloteacher.org. If you are a member of the Montebello Teachers Association and wish to apply for a scholarship email your intent to montebello_teachers@earthlink.net. Include your name, site, and contact telephone number no later than Thursday, November 1st.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS

- 1. Three additions to the agenda: Substitute Teacher - M. Granado
 - A. After the item was added Jill Rojas volunteered to stay to address the question. She explained the process how substitute pool works. Jill continued by explaining the process to document a complaint and she explained how the complaint is handled at district office. Jill Rojas was excused after her substitute teacher explanation and questions were concluded.

- B. Special Education (E) Martha Chalen-Zarate
- C. Health Insurance (F) Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read by Sandra Day - BGI; Kristin Ishii-Kawaharada - RPS; and Wendy Ibañez - BVE. Motion made to accept minutes and motion carried.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

A. Political Action - J. De La Torre

Julian shared that himself and Kathy have been attending each with the superintendents and/or the associate superintendent to cover the potential scenarios if Proposition 30 does not pass. Members are being encouraged to vote yes on 30. Phone banks are open afternoons and evenings Mondays-Thursdays now through the election. There is always plenty of pizza and raffle prizes every hour.

G. Race To The Top (RTTT) – D. De La Torre and A. Revueltas

Gilbert Gomez facilitated the floor for the presentation regarding RTTT. A power point was used to support their presentation. Art Revueltas discussed the details regarding the RTTT-D grant. He did clarify that the local version of the evaluation is different than the original state funded RTTT and that the evaluation will be negotiated and ratified by 2015. The process of evaluation also includes administration. The Stull Evaluation is still in place and it does not change the California Law and it is not meant to be punitive. Deborah De La Torre began sharing the instruction impact on the student. She explained that the current professional development path and the instruction process taking place in the district will be imbedded in the grant. Various questions were asked by council regarding the application, Mrs. De La Torre and Mr. Revueltas addressed the questions appropriately. Kathy Schlotz shared the recommendations from CTA regarding the RTTT-D grant. She shared that CTA suggested a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be drafted. She also shared there are 82 applicants from California. Gilbert continued to facilitate the options with next steps for the process. A motion was made to review the grant at an open forum on October 16, 2012 and Rep Council will meet again on October 23, 2012 to vote on the involvement of MTA with the RTTTT-D grant.

C. Trust Fund Appointments – Executive Committee

Julian stated that Mary Dupuis has resigned from the Trust Fund. He publicly thanked her for her service as the Retiree member of the Trust. Her term goes through 2015, therefore the person appointed will complete that term. The Executive Committee recommends Brenda Wade for the Trust Fund Committee. Since the Executive Committee made this motion there is no need for a second. G. Gomez explained the job description for the Trust Fund. The motion to name Brenda Wade as the Retiree Member of the Trust Fund was carried.

D. Bargaining Chairperson Appointment – Executive Committee

Julian shared that the current contract opens wages in December. The tenor of those negotiations will be determined by the November 6th election. Julian called Alma to

make a motion, since the Executive Committee recommends Gilbert Gomez for Bargaining Chairperson there is no need for a second. Motion made and carried to name Gilbert Gomez as Bargaining Chairperson. Julian shared that Gilbert's next task is to name a team and bring it back to this Council.

E. Bylaws – L. Richards

Lorraine updated council that communication continues with CTA By-Laws Committee regarding the revisions and we will submit changes at the earliest possible date, which will include voting.

E. Special Education – Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis

Since the changes made in the contract regarding special education, a site has expressed difficulty trying to address the concerns. Kathy Schlotz recommends that there be dialogue regarding the specifics for that site.

F. Insurance - Martha Chalen-Zarate

There was a concern regarding the coverage of Applied Behavior Therapy and CalPERS has addressed that situation. The members need to contact CalPERS directly regarding questions for coverage of past billing and future billing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Leadership Conference will be taking place October 13-14, 2012 in Santa Clarita. The theme was cleared up regarding Saturday's social, "Taking Care of Business" for example 50's theme.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Submitted by

Lorraine Richards, Secretary



