

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council
November 27, 2012
MTA Conference Center

CALL TO ORDER

November's Rep Council meeting was called to order at 3:45pm.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Mr. Hector Chacon

Mr. Chacon reviewed the highlights at the district since he has been president. Board of Education member Mrs. Marcella Calderon passed away, and a celebration of her life was held at the Applied Technology Center (ATC). The Board of Education seat that was open needed to be filled through an appointment process, Paul Montoya was appointed as the member to fill the seat until November 2013. A Superintendent search occurred and at that time they were in the process of selecting an individual from the process. In addition to these events, graduation rates at all high schools increased. There were academic gains at many school sites and MUSD also opened up new high school, ATC. Mr. Chacon reflected on the relationships that he values with MTA. He explained the re-organization of positions at DO and the costs that have actually been saved as opposed to hiring one superintendent with salary and benefits, which would be more expensive than keeping the two that we have. He also addressed the opening of a school board position since Ed Chau will be resigning due to his recent win for the Assembly election. Mr. Chacon covered some possibilities that we may face ahead regarding the replacement of Mr. Chau's seat. He took questions from rep council members regarding various concerns such as future Superintendent placement and pay increase for superintendent's,

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – J. De La Torre

1. Julian shared that the district submitted the RTTT-D application without the President of MTA's signature. Clarification was asked regarding the application process and also what if application accepted and grant fulfilled without association's approval.
2. MPE has had many principals over the years and the staff feels that their input has not been considered in the past. The site had a chance to share input toward the recent new principal, Gina Andujo. Julian expressed how the teachers worked together to get their voice heard and the choice reflected the site's needs.
3. Julian announced the Ethnic Minority Reception for CTA will be December 13, 2012 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Holiday Inn, La Mirada 14290 Firestone Blvd. RSVP by Monday, December 10th to Southeastern Service Center (562)478-1346. He also had Kathy Reyes share that Guillermo will be presenting at the dinner how he got involved with union.
4. Winter Holiday Council & New Teacher Dinner and meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Tamayo Restaurant, 5300 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, (323) 260-4700. RSVP by Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

REVENUE AND EXPENSE - L. Richards

Lorraine reviewed topics from the Revenue and Expenses Committee meetings. She shared news regarding proposition 39, it will also increase state revenue as much as \$1 billion. The district will be reviewing their rental charges since the education code was adjusted allowing for depreciation to be included in additional charges for the use of facilities. The district wants to

make sure they do not over price the facilities compared to surrounding districts. The district is utilizing assets to generate revenue such as signage to be placed on MUSD property, or the long term lease of land to a developer at LNE. The district is going through an asset management company regarding the site. Lorraine reminded the members that the district reserve needed to be increased to 3%, which is an additional \$1.6 million due to the drop in enrollment, below 30,000. She also shared that there has been a decrease in enrollment from 2006 to 2013. The district projected a conservative decrease in enrollment for 2013 as 650, actual decrease was 690. In the facilities area there was a grand opening of the pool at Schurr High School on October 16, 2012. The new building at WAE with eleven classrooms has begun. Recent projects in the district: new roof at GWE, D building improvements at MHS, handicapped and elevator - D building modernization at SHS; portables removed at RPE; SVIC-building roof; fire alarms at WGE. The district has purchased the property behind ATC from the trash company, which will be used by a small part of maintenance and operations. Energy Report included the cost avoidance from September 2011 - August 2012 as \$1,200,449 and August 2012 - \$213,416. She briefly covered the grants that the district has obtained; categorical funding grants total \$14 million from different sources. Grants include: Safe Schools, \$8 million was over six years; and SL grant such as adult department. Other small grants such as ConnectEd, all used by pathways at the high school level and it was also used for the training intermediate teachers. MUSD has set-up an educational foundation set up through LACOE, which has raised over \$100,000. Other grants have been awarded to MUSD that have to do with matching funds. Lastly, there are currently federal grant funds, although there is a two year limit to the funds of 7 million. She shared that the recycling at the sites appears as though there are only five sites that are completing the full process. If there are any questions about recycling inquire with the individual in charge of Plant Operations at their site.

SEATING OF THE ALTERNATES

No alternates were seated.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes were read by Susie Jimenez - BVE, Irma Navarro - BGA, Leticia Ornelas - GWE. Motion made and carried to accept the October 2012 Representative Council minutes.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTION

A. Political Action Recognition - J. De La Torre

Julian recognized the other employee organizations AMSA & CSEA that participated in phone banking at the MTA office. He continued to recognize our own members with certificates based on the number of calls made during phone banking. Members accepted their certificates and photos were taken of the various groups as they were recognized.

B. Budget Report - G. Sandoval

Guillermo reviewed the revenues and expenses that required clarification. Guillermo also answered questions concerning the budget report disbursed to the members.

C. Bargaining - G. Gomez

Bargaining Chairperson Gilbert Gomez will recommend his Bargaining team. Julian clarified the process, the bargaining chair is selected by the president, and the bargaining chair selects the team as stated by the current by laws. Gilbert announced his bargaining team Paul Chavez (SHS), David Navar (WIE), Alma Orta (SUE), and Larry McKiernan (SUI). Recommendation of the bargaining team was made by the executive board and accepted by council.

D. Evaluation Committee - G. Gomez

Gilbert explained the process of the committee and that the meetings will happen monthly.

E. D. Repurposed State Council - State Council Delegates

Elvia De La Cruz shared what occurred at the repurposed October 2012 State Council Meeting, delegates phone banked and did prescient walking regarding Propositions 30 & 32. She also clarified that the normal schedule would continue, with the next State Council meeting in January 2013. Margie mentioned the changes of Representation, MTA currently has four state council reps, MTA would go to three reps.

F. Election Report - C. Low

Chris reported the election results for State Council Rep; Alma Orta - 226 (elect); Guillermo Sandoval - 181. He also reported that the ballots of 2 sites were ruled invalid due to the number ballots exceeding the number of signatures collected. Chris included that 8 sites did not turn in ballots for this election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Reminder - Ethnic Minority Reception for CTA - Southeastern will be December 13, 2012.
2. Reminder - Winter Holiday Council & New Teacher Dinner and meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 RSVP by Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT - meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Submitted by



Lorraine Richards, Secretary






