

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Representative Council Meeting
January 29, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Rep council meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m.

REPORTS AND AGENDA REFERRALS

A. President's Report – J. De La Torre

1. President Julian De La Torre welcomed Montebello School Police Chief Linh Dinh to speak at council. Chief Dinh reported on programs that in place in at our school district. Montebello has been fortunate to receive grants that have addressed school safety. The grants have allowed for training and hiring of two additional police officers and 15-20 security personnel at elementary school sites. Chief Dinh is aware of special training due to events at Sandy Hook and will work to train leaders in Active Shooter Training. Chief Dinh answered questions from reps pertaining to truancy, controlled substances and active shooter training.
2. Julian reported on the challenges we face in the upcoming year. At the federal level we have seen tough issues such as the fiscal cliff, immigration and Obamacare. California ranks 47th in per pupil spending. It has the worst ratio in counseling and nurses. At the local level we have four board members that are running for office. We have two co-superintendents. We need to be involved in board election, and issues such as: evaluation, common core standards, school safety and fiscal responsibility. Our committees will be involved in designing and structuring programs for us.
3. The good news is that Governor Jerry Brown has made education a priority in the state budget. The bad news is how money will be divided out. Governor Brown plans to move adult education to junior college. Julian has contacted Cleve Pell and discussed ramifications if the Governor's plan prevails.
4. Julian shared that the district sent the state-RTTT application in anyway. Julian shared with Gerri Guzman and board members that authority and power of MTA is the rep council. Julian answered questions from floor concerning board members.
5. Julian reported on the MTA's involvement with the Dream Act. He reminded rep council on importance of reading pay stubs; certain information needs to be updated for individual members. If any problems with heaters let administration know. If it's not addressed please notify MTA.
6. Class size overage forms are new this year. District will be responsible to verify numbers if administration cannot. Please follow protocol: rep to administrator to MTA. Forms are available on website to address school safety issues at sites. School site safety committee requirements were discussed.
7. CTA is celebrating 150 years as well as MTA is celebrating 75 years of service. Julian reminded reps that is has been a year that we have conducted rep council at MTA Conference Center.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

There were no alternates were seated at this rep council.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Health insurance was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Elizabeth Kocharian (BGHS), Kathy Arriola (WAE) and Leticia Ornelas (GWE)

REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTION

1. Election Report – C. Low

The run-off for state council rep between Alma and Guillermo was won by Alma. NEA-RA declarations forms are due February, 26th. Election for NEA-RA will be the week of March 4-8th and ballots are due at Grievance Workshop, March 12th.

2. Bargaining- G. Gomez

Gil reported that because of passage of proposition 30 there was no discussion of furloughs. CTA governance has reported a 1.6% cola, which still has to go through legislation. The Bargaining Committee will not wait until spring to begin negotiations.

3. Evaluation Committee-G. Gomez

Gil shared that the committee will meet with district office on February 6th to discuss ideas. Professional growth will be discussed. Legislation regarding evaluations may drive discussion. Questions can be sent to Gil.

4. Bylaws-L.Richards

Lorraine was not present at meeting. Report tabled for next council.

5. Calendar Committee-A.Orta

Alma shared that district and committee discussed to keep same calendar for one more year. There was discussion for adult education to take Thanksgiving week off or to remain as is. Adult education teachers were surveyed. Calendar process was discussed.

6. Health Insurance-Julian De La Torre

Member at council discussed her plight regarding her autistic child's therapy not being addressed by CalPers providers. She is currently requesting CalPers to address this.

7. CTA State Council Report-State Council Delegates

1. Alma thanked council for electing her as state council delegate. Hot topic discussed at State council committee was Senator Feinstein's assault weapons act. CTA has supported it. Can call CTA for more information.
2. Margie reported on retirement topics. There have been in CalSTRS. New retirees need to wait 180 calendar days before can sub. If retiree does not follow new guidelines they will be penalized.
3. Elvia shared that at state council CTA has 800 members who are divided into 22 committees. She also reported that Fontana school district purchased \$14,000 in assault rifles for their school police. Fontana school district has also trained all employees in Active Shooter.
4. Julian attended negotiation committee. There is great concern in pensions. Highlight of council was governor's appearance. Governor stated that campaign was a success because of members.

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PAR consulting teachers information meeting is Wednesday, January 30th in the DO, MCR at 3pm.
2. Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate nominations due February 26th.
3. MTA NEA-RA Declarations of Candidacy are due February 26th.

Julian conducted raffle of NEA Read Across American children's book, and CTA150 years anniversary portfolios. Winners were: Anita (WGE), Kathy (JGE), and Miki (MOI) respectively.

Council gift card was won by Sonia Jimenez (BVE)

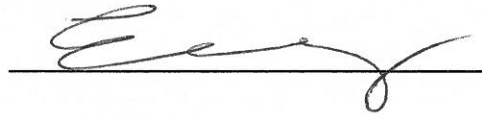
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by



Guillermo Sandoval, Treasurer



Margie Sullivan