

MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Rep Council Meeting
MTA Conference Center
September 17, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Council meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m.

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorraine Richards acknowledged all past presidents present at the meeting. President Lorraine Richards spoke about the first meeting of the school year with the District Superintendents. Some of the topics discussed were: Common Core Committee – we would like to get teachers for the committee and input from the MTA liaison as well as more input from high school teachers.

Lorraine also explained that enrollment in the District is down. There are 496 less high school students, 18 less intermediate school students and 317 less elementary school students this year.

President Lorraine mentioned having met with Board President Hector Chacon to establish lines of communication. No topics were discussed.

President Lorraine mentioned the MTA Facebook updates that she has posted recently, particularly invitations to fundraisers for endorsed Board of Education candidates Lani Cupchoy and Edgar Cisneros.

She spoke about AB 484 – A bill to suspend STAR testing.

RE: MAC Secondary Testing, the test will be piloted in the Spring. Duncan threatens to withdraw funding. CTA President Dean Vogel says, “the current discipline system is outdated.”

Minority Incentive Grants are Available for the GLTB Conference on Oct. 6 and for other conferences on Nov. 10. They are available via the CTA website. All applicants will require new enrollment.

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Toni Gomez (PHE) for Iva Chen-Kang (PHE)

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes read and approved by Elvia De La Cruz (MOA), Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis (BAE) and Veronica Fernandez (SUE)

F. REPORTS, DISCUSSION OR ACTIONS

1. Bargaining – G. Gomez

After 6 meetings, the teams are making some headway. A number of agreements have been made. At the moment, wages are on the table.

2. **Political Action and Phone Banking – E. Guzman**
All members and their family and friends are encouraged to come phone bank Monday thru Thursday between 3:30pm and 7:30pm. There is no phone banking on Halloween.
HSG Campaigns will produce the mailers.
3. **Nominations – Rey Vogel**
Nominations for the vacant Secretary position were open. The remaining term on the position ends June of 2014. There are three ways to nominate someone for the position. 1) Fill out the nomination petition, 2) reach out to one of the Nominating Committee members (Rey Vogel (MHS), Donna Drayman (EAI), Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE)) and 3) be nominated from the floor of Council on October 15.
4. **Fall Leadership Conference – K. Schlotz**
RSVP's for the Fall Leadership Conference are due by Friday, September 27, 2013. Topics will include Common Core Standards, MTA and CTA Webpages and Electronic Voting.
5. **Stull Bill – K. Schlotz**
The evaluation procedure used by the District has not changed. TC's, Prob. 1 and Prob. 2 teacher are to be evaluated every other year. Teachers with 10 years or more will be evaluated every 5 years. If there are issues about timeline, you need to show evidence of your last evaluation to your principal.
6. **Trust Fund Committee Appointment – L. Richards**
The Executive Committee recommends Andy Shinn be appointed to the Trust Fund Committee. Appointment approved unanimously.
7. **NEA Reports – NEA RA Delegates**
The NEA RA Delegates spoke about their experiences in Atlanta, GA this summer and the work they did while at the Representative Assembly.

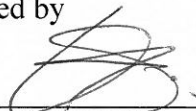
G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Health Benefits Open Enrollment Ends October 16. Positive VSP Enrollment for ALL dependents. No more townhall meetings. Reminder, if you are a single payer, there is no need to re-enroll.
2. Raffle Winner –
Kathy Mott (SUI) won a Camino FCU gift card

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Submitted by



Guillermo Sandoval, Treasurer

Concepcion Nishikawa-Alanis
