

**Montebello Teachers Association**  
Representative Council Meeting  
January 28, 2014  
MTA Office

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. PRESIDENTS REPORT-Lorraine Richards**

1. The MUSD Board had a Study Session on December 20, 2014 that included presentations from Federal and State; IT Services; SBAC; Instruction K-8 & 9-12; Special Education; Human Resources; Facilities; and Business Services. Lorraine, Kathy Schlotz, Rita Galvan, and Sandra De La Cruz attended. Lorraine has compiled a list of questions based on the presentations.
2. MUSD had a special board meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. According to MUSD Board President, Mr. Vela, at the end of closed session, the board directed counsel, Mr. Kinney, to move forward with a work chart to have Mr. Cleve Pell as the Chief Superintendent. It will be officially voted and announced at the February 6 Board of Education meeting.
3. Last year, the Comprehensive Learning Framework (CLF) was developed to guide the district's practices to improve student learning and fulfill the vision of preparing all students for success in college, career and beyond. On December 16, there was a Framework Implementation Team (FIT) meeting Lorraine attended. The meeting focused on the CLF components and answered the following questions: Where are we now? Where are we going? What are our next steps? The next meeting is March 17, 2014.
4. Report Card Committee will meet in February 2014 after the district FPM audit to align the K-8 report card to the Common Core Standards.
5. The Evaluation Committee will be meeting in a few weeks to move along the final details. The hope is to launch the volunteered web-based pilot evaluation for next school year 2014-2015.
6. The Vergara vs. State of California lawsuit attacks current teacher dismissal statues and aims to overturn due process protections for teachers. Lorraine worked with Frank Wells from CTA to develop an Op-Ed. piece that has appeared in the local newspapers that sheds a different perspective on teacher dismissal. The Vergara case is supported by Students Matter Organization and billionaire David Welch, who is pro-charter and anti-union. The trial has begun and will be decided by a judge.

**C. SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM TIMELINE-R. Geiger and A. Revueltas**

Mr. Geiger provided an update on how the district is preparing for the SBAC assessments. AB 484 established the new statewide assessment system-California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), which is a 3 ½ hour assessment equally divided between English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics that can be completed in one sitting or multiple start and stop sessions. The 2014 SBAC Field test is designed to be a "Test of the Test." All students in Grades 3-8 are expected to participate and Grade 11 students from BGH and SHS. He has met with principals and intervention facilitators to review the testing calendar schedule. The window opens from April 7 through June 6, 2014. They are looking at different testing scenarios: computer labs, testing centers, and classrooms using a combination of laptops and desktops and a mix of wireless and wired computers. The district may need to acquire specific external hardware such as headphones for students to complete audio test items. The ongoing challenge for the District is the number of machines required, the cost of the necessary equipment, computers, support staff and making sure that the SBAC test web application software is up to date on every computer. The current Internet connection is at a speed of 1Gbps. They will, however, upgrade it to 10Gbps for the 2015 SBAC Test to provide additional network capacity for testing. The Revenue and Expense Committee is overseeing Common Core. If there are questions, members can contact Committee Chair Filiberto Arrizmendi or President Richards.

**D. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

No alternates to be seated.

**E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA-ADDITIONS**

No additions were made to the agenda.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were read as printed by Cathie Reed (JGE), Aura Rodriguez (MPE) and Ryan Rice (ATC). Motion was made and carried to approve the December 2013 Council meeting.

**G. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS**

**a. Internet Café Update-G. Orozco Gonzalez**

A power point presentation highlighted the work that was done in the first PLC forum. Gabriela shared the work she is doing with CTA in her blog.

**b. State Council Report-State Council Delegates**

1. Ed Guzman reported on CTA's Strategic Plan and the implementation of AB 1266- Transgender Student Rights, which is already law.
2. Margie Granado reported on Read Across America. CTA has stepped away from Dr. Seuss books and instead CTA has recommended four book titles for four age groups. Lesson plans can be found on the website. She also reported that the Governor is looking into rectifying CALSTRS unfunded liability piece. Beginning 2014, CALSTRS will no longer mail hard copies to members. They will be available online.
3. Alma Orta shared updates on Mandatory Kindergarten and SB 387 –Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2014 also known as TK for all 4 year olds in California. She encouraged Council to be critical viewers of proposal SB 387. The Governor has made it clear there will be no expansions or creations of new programs.
4. Colleen Nishikawa is participating in the Ethnic Minority Early Identification and Development Program. She stated it has been a wonderful experience and has solidified her understanding of CTA giving her the opportunity to broaden her role in the organization, an opportunity to interact with other leaders, attend state council, and attend CTA conferences.


**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

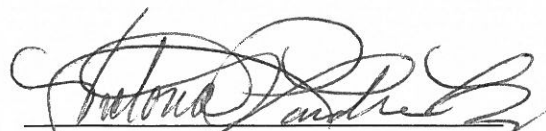
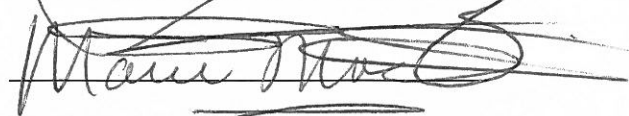
- a. Personal Emails for Electronic Voting due February 25.  
Members will be participating in the next voting election electronically. If members have not provided a personal email address, there is a roster that is circulating at the sites where members can provide it there or through the MTA website. Members can come to the MTA office to vote electronically.
- b. Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Nominations due February 25.  
The nomination form is at the bottom of the MTA Contact.
- c. Grievance Workshop March 11

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Submitted by

  
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Alma Orta, Secretary

  
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