

## MONTEBELLO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

### Representative Council Meeting

April 22, 2014

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

#### B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT-Lorraine Richards

1. Gerri Gandolfo (NEA Director, District 7) addressed Council on two bills: the Student Success Act and the Student Testing Improvement and Accountability Act.
2. Lorraine provided an update on the LCAP. Fili and Lorraine have been compiling the surveys and have been presenting the findings in their meetings with Administration and CSEA. Lorraine informed Council on the LCAP timeline. They will continue to provide updates on the plan.
3. Lorraine reminded Council to attend the YMCA Healthy Kids Day and Opening of New Construction on April 26. Being involved with the YMCA is part of MTA's community relations and CTA's strategic plan. Information will be provided on Common Core.
4. There will be an MUSD Employee YMCA Open House on June 3. Tours, sample classes, and membership discounts will be offered.
5. Lorraine will be doing informal site visits until June.
6. Camino Federal Credit Union will extend the deadline for their Teacher of the Year Award to May 1, 2014.
7. In the month of May and part of June, the MTA will conduct the school climate survey. Executive members will be attending the faculty club meetings at various sites and will distribute and collect the completed surveys. It is a handwritten survey that will gather information about each faculty club and the work environment at each site. Margie and Lorraine will look at site specific trends, no comments or quotes will be published. The survey will be a way to support teachers and create positive working conditions.

#### C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternate seated for Anita Martinez (WGE) was Christy Abanto.

#### D. SPECIAL GUEST-Eric Heins, CTA Vice-President

##### a. CTA Update

CTA Vice-President Heins addressed Council regarding his day at MUSD. He had the opportunity to visit various school sites. He thanked teachers for all of their hard work and for their work in helping to pass Prop. 30. He acknowledged that our work is having an impact statewide. He congratulated Council for negotiating a pay raise. He mentioned that the LCAP is making a positive difference in bringing all of the stakeholders together. He discussed AB 484 which brought a three year moratorium to high stakes testing. He mentioned AB 215 (the teacher dismissal

bill), QUIEA and provided an update on the Vergara case. Eric took questions from Council.

**b. Presentation: Lalo Alcaez CTA Gold Award**

A slideshow of Mr. Alcaez's artwork was presented to Council. Vice-President Heins presented the CTA Gold Award to Mr. Alcaez. Victoria Landeros-Lopez, Fremont Elementary Teacher and wife of Lalo Alcaez, accepted the award in his honor.

**E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA-ADDITIONS**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Reports, Discussions, or Actions: Trust Fund Report was moved to letter a. Agenda approved with the changes.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were read by Sandra Day (BGI), Ed Guzman (MOI) and Edward Garcia (BVE). Motion was made and carried to approve the March 2014 Representative Council Minutes.

**G. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, OR ACTIONS**

**a. Trust Fund Report- G. Gomez**

Gil introduced the members of the Trust Fund Committee. They meet four times a year with a health advisor and an actuary. In order to keep the Trust Fund solvent a \$25 increase per month was proposed for active and retirees under 67. Motion was made by the Executive Committee and carried by Council to accept the \$25 per month increase to Trust Fund contributions for both active and retired participants.

**b. Nominations-R. Vogel**

Nominating Committee Member Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE ) read the submitted nominations and accepted nominations from the Council floor. The following members were nominated for the position of Vice-President: Margie Granado and Ed Guzman; Secretary: Alma Orta; Elementary Director: Rita Galvan; High School Director: Carmen Patlan, Adult School Director: Filiberto Arrizmendi; CTA State Council and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Margie Granado, Irma Navarro, Guillermo Sandoval, and Larissa Castillo.

**c. MTA Calendar 2014-2015- K. Schlotz**

The Council was asked to adopt the 2014-2015 MTA Calendar. Kathy discussed important events for the year 2014-2015. Motion was made by the Executive Committee and carried by Council to accept the 2014-2015 MTA Calendar.

**d. Calendar Committee- A. Orta**

Alma thanked the members of the Calendar Committee and provided Council with the dates for the completion of the calendar survey for the 2015-2016 school year.

- g. CTA State Council Report-State Council Representatives**  
CTA State Council met March 28-30 in Los Angeles. The State Council Representatives will report on the proceedings. Ed Guzman who is on the School Safety/School Management Committee shared information about the school to prison pipeline. Margie Granado discussed the ways legislation is given a support, watch or oppose position at State Council. She invited Council members to consider applying for Ethnic Minority Early Identification Program. Alma who is on the Early Childhood Education Committee informed Council about the Mandatory Kindergarten bill. Lorraine provided an update on the Vergara Case.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Scholarships for Scholars Fund Raiser May 1-Rocio Zaragoza  
Julian De La Torre encouraged members to attend the fundraising event. Attendees can bid on artwork provided by CTA Gold Award recipient Lalo Alcaarez and others.
- b. 2015-2016 Calendar Surveys Due May 16
- c. MTA Electronic Election May 13-20 (Need personal Email by May 9)
- d. Retirement Dinner June 6 at the Reef in Long Beach.

**I. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Submitted by

Alma Orta

Alma Orta, Secretary

Cecilia Nishikawa-Alanis  
George An - MOI  
Ryan D Rice