

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
February 24, 2015
MTACC

MTA Approved Vendor:

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTION: EDGAR CISNEROS, PRESIDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MUSD Board President, Edgar Cisneros thanked the teachers and stated that the District is moving forward. He began with a review of grants obtained: County grants to implement reading gardens and Pathways Grant. He stated what is to come: upgrades to technology, science labs to meet technological needs, linked learning, expanding Pathways, expanding TK to all elementary schools, expanding dual immersion at MOI, hiring a Special Education Director, Common Core implementation of Units of Study, elementary report cards, and curriculum workshops. He mentioned the Ethnic Studies resolution.

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Lorraine Richards

1. MTA had their 75th Anniversary Celebration February 20.
2. February 16-20 was NEA Super Week of Action in regards to ESEA Elementary & Secondary Education Act (NCLB).
3. Fifty-seven MUSD Teachers attended the SESCC Pre-Retirement Conference on January 31.
4. Lorraine attended the GLBT Region 3 Conference on February 5.
5. Lorraine attended the Coordinated Bargaining Session February 19. Updates were given on State Budgets, LCFF, and the LCAP.
6. Lorraine attended the Oath of Office Ceremony for Assembly Member of the 58th District Christina Garcia.
7. The MUSD Induction Program is now known as the MUSD Teacher Induction Program. A presentation will be provided at the March Rep Council meeting by Rosemary Garcia.
8. The Common Core Café will host Session 3: Project Based Learning with GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) Strategies: to promote academic achievement and cross-cultural skills on March 12.
9. EduSoft is being phased out. School City is one of the three vendors that meets the needs of the District and will hold a demo March 3 at the ATC. Members are encouraged to attend.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read by Irma Navarro (MOA), Chris Low (MOI) and Julian De la Torre (CIS). Motion was made and carried to approve the January 2015 Representative Council Minutes.

E. REVENUE AND EXPENSE OPEN HEARING - Filiberto Arizmendi

Cheryl Plotkin/Kim Tran reported on Gov. Brown's 2015-2016 budget which includes an additional \$4B for LCFF and \$500M for Adult Ed; however, the proposed budget creates a separate allocating

committee that would determine AE funding. The LCAP committee is reviewing the current LCAP for improvements. A joint town hall meeting will be held March 31 at the MTACC.

Todd Macy reported on Federal Title 1 Funding. By federal law, the district is required to distribute funding on the following: 1% (\$97K) for parent involvement, 10% (\$971K) for professional development, and 20% (\$1.8M) for private Supplemental Education Services.

Dr. Angel Gallardo reported on enrollment: 462 students left MUSD and 56 students transferred into the District. District enrollment continues to decline.

Smarted Balanced testing window begins spring 2015. Current assessments are being conducted to review any needed improvements. Report Card Committee continues to meet and an online version is expected next year.

George Upegui gave an update on facilities. MUSD saved \$1.2M in 2013-2014 in energy conservation

F. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternates seated for Beverly Cohen (D.O.) was Cynthia Alamazon-Swanson (Psych.) and for Belen Viramontes (Psych.) was Connie Arredondo (Psych.).

G. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - ADDITIONS

Under Reports, Discussions, or Actions

- f. Working Conditions - Leticia Ornelas (LME)
- g. Immunizations - Julian De La Torre (CIS)
- h. Political Action Committee - Julian De La Torre (CIS)

Agenda approved with the additions.

H. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, OR ACTIONS

a. Budget Update - G. Sandoval

Budget presentation on the expense comparison between 2013-2014 to 2014-2015 and personnel expense was given.

b. Insurance Committee - G. Cunningham

G. Cunningham presented on the CALPERS Employee Dependent Verification form. Many dependents have not been verified and response is necessary so that insurance coverage is not lost. Deadline to reply is March 15.

c. 2015-2016 Calendar Update - A. Orta

Calendar Committee has been meeting with the District.

d. Ethnic Studies Recommendation - A. Shinn

The Montebello Teachers Association Executive Committee made a motion to support the thoughtful implementation of Ethnic Studies in the Montebello Unified School District. MTA/CTA believes curricula should address the common values of the society; promote respect for diversity and cooperation; and prepare the learner to compete in, and cope with a complex and rapidly evolving society. MTA/CTA supports accurate portrayals of the roles and contributions of all races, ethnic groups, and cultures in all areas of the curriculum, school policies, and school supported and/or sponsored activities. MTA/CTA strongly supports education programs that promote human dignity and genuine respect for the individual and cultural diversity. Motion was passed unanimously as presented.

e. Elections Report - T. SalasOrtiz

Six declarations for the NEA/RA were received by the January 30 deadline. A motion was made to waive the local election. The motion was passed unanimously. The ballots have been waived.

f. Working Conditions – Leticia Ornelas (LME)

A question arose regarding classroom cleaning. Frank Zaragoza (SHS) made a motion to create an MTA Maintenance Custodial Services Oversight Committee for the purpose of creating and generating an accountability document which shall be submitted on a quarterly basis with the individual input of faculty members at each school site. Ed Guzman (MOI) seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

g. Immunizations - Julian De La Torre (CIS)

Question regarding student vaccinations.

h. Political Action Committee - Julian De La Torre (CIS)

A question arose regarding the Political Action Committee's status.

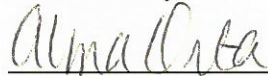
I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Unconscious Bias Workshop-February 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC (3 hrs. DSC)
- b. Grievance Workshop-March 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC (2hrs. DSC)
- c. Montebello City Council votes on the Montebello Quiet Corridor Project-February 25 at Montebello City Hall
- d. Community Advisory Committee Meeting February 26 at MCR

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Submitted by



Alma Orta, Secretary

