

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
April 21, 2015
MTA CC

MTA Approved Vendor: Crystal Han and George Munoz provided information on National Life Group.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

B. LCAP TOWN HALL MEETING-Cheryl Plotkin (3:30-3:50 p.m.)

LCAP surveys have been completed and reviewed. One of the five goals that will be focused upon is improving learning and closing the achievement gap. LCAP will be posted on the website in May.

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT-Lorraine Richards

1. Lorraine informed Council on AB 1048 and SB774. These bills would repeal the cap on school district reserves which was the statute related to the Proposition 2 Rainy day Initiative.
2. MUSD hosted Senator Mendoza's State of Education Address March 27 at the ATC.
3. MTA hosted a roundtable for Labor Advisory Council with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez April 9 at the MTACC.
4. QEIA schools have been visited and the next step is looking at the process for teacher re-assignments.
5. Class coverage stipend list will go to Board May 7.
6. Human Rights Training April 22 at the MTACC.
7. Service Center One will hold a free CTA/IPD Common Core Conference on April 25 at Orange Grove Middle School. Angelica Paz (LMI) is one of the presenters.
8. Friends of Montebello Unified School District Foundation: A District Music Showcase is May 9 at MHS.
9. Friends of Montebello Unified School District Foundation Service to Education Awards Reception is May 16 at the ATC.
10. Summer Institute Member Benefits Strand is August 2-6 at the ATC.

D. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

No seating of alternates.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read by David Navar (WGE), Liz Pacheco (GWE), and Mauro Colmenarez (MOI). Motion was made and carried to approve the March 2015 Representative Council Minutes.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA-ADDITIONS

Under Announcements: d. C.A.S.A.-Ryan Rice (ATC)
Agenda approved with the addition.

G. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

a. "Time to Teach, Time to Learn" Resolution-A. Shinn

MTA believes investing in learning for all students. Undue testing takes time from teaching and time from learning. Therefore, be it resolved, that priority for MUSD be

Time to Teach, Time to Learn.” Motion was made and was passed unanimously as presented.

b. Nominating Committee-R. Vogel

Nominating Committee Chairperson Rey Vogel read the submitted nominations and accepted nominations from the Council floor. The following members were nominated for the position of: President: Lorraine Richards; Vice-President: Margie Granado; Treasurer: Ed Guzman and Andy Shinn; Elementary Director: Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis, Eddie Garcia and Lu Cruz; Intermediate Director: Frank Zaragoza, Support Staff Director: Paul Chavez, and Miriam Canterbury (School Psychologist); CTA State Council and Alternate: Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis, Alma Orta, Phil Rodriguez and Laura Quintana.

c. Bargaining - D. Navar & K. Schlotz

David Navar (Bargaining Chairperson) reminded Council to submit Bargaining surveys. MTA will open Article XII. Wages, and Article XVII. Evaluation and one more article. TK-K full day implementation discussion was given.

d. Calendar Committee - A. Orta

Motion was made and carried to adopt the 2015-2016 traditional, modified and adult education calendars as presented. Calendars were approved unanimously.

e. MTA Calendar 2015-2016 - K. Schlotz

The Council was asked to adopt the 2015-2016 MTA Calendar. Kathy discussed important events for the year 2015-2016. Motion was made by the Executive Board and carried by Council to accept the 2015-2016 MTA Calendar.

f. CTA State Council Report - State Council Representatives

CTA State Council met April 10-12 in Los Angeles. The State Council Representatives will report on the proceedings. Ed Guzman (Teacher Evaluation and Academic Freedom Committee) discussed AB 575 (Teachers: Best Practices) and AB 1184 (School Employees: San Jose Unified School District.)

Alma Orta (Early Childhood Education Committee) stated the Mandatory Kindergarten Bill is back as AB 713. Lorraine discussed Charter Schools and AB 787(ensures charter school employees can unionize) and AB 709 (charter school transparency and accountability in its operation and use of funds).

Elected CTA Officers for 2015-2017 are President Eric Heins (an SHS graduate), Vice-President Theresa Montano, (Chicano Studies and Education Professor at CSUN), and Secretary-Treasurer David Goldberg (LAUSD Elementary School Teacher).

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Bargaining surveys online due April 24
- b. Retirement Dinner May 29 at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach
- c. YMCA Healthy Kids Day - April 25
- d. C.A.S.A.- Ryan Rice (ATC)

Court Appointed Special Advocate will hold an informational session May 16 at the ATC for anyone wishing to get involved with foster children.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by

Alma Orta

Alma Orta, Secretary

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Margie Sullivan

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