

**Montebello Teachers Association**  
Representative Council Meeting  
November 17, 2015  
MTACC

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

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

1. Lorraine attended SESCO President's Release Day.
2. She attended the Math Adoption Committee Meeting November 2.
3. Lorraine, CSEA President L. Garrison, Susana Contreras-Smith, Cleve Pell, and Jeff Schwartz met to discuss the similarities in conflicts with principals.
4. Montebello teachers were present at the Taste of the Town event November 6.
5. SESCO hosted the CTA School Board Dinner.
6. MTA sponsored the Unconscious Bias Training October 28-29.
7. Lorraine and Senator Mendoza attended the LMI Ribbon Cutting October 23.
8. Lorraine attended the Labor Advisory Roundtable hosted by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and the Education Roundtable sponsored by Senator Tony Mendoza.
9. Senator Mendoza was the MC at the Fremont Elementary Red Ribbon Assembly.
10. For the November 2016 ballot, CA State Superintendent Torlakson announced his endorsement of the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016, which will invest \$9 billion in upgrading classrooms.

**C. REVENUE AND EXPENSE OPEN HEARING/LCAP-Fili Arizmendi**

MUSD revenues have increased \$6M year to date. LCAP committee has met and the LCAP process will again include surveys, town hall discussions and committee meetings. Implementation of TK/K MOU has been discussed and the association is holding the MOU agreement accountable. A new state law requires school districts to provide free PE clothes to students. A second meeting in December will discuss PE equipment, and District clothing policy. The District is in the process of addressing Information Technology needs and shortcomings. MTA and CSEA have worked with the District to hold public meetings with contractors, facilities, and Cabinet to explain the process and safeguards regarding facilities. The District has created a teacher/parent friendly document that reflects California Common Core Standards. The District is investigating a possible bond process to help our facilities with needed improvements.

**D. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Alternate seated for Liz Pacheco is Veronica Loera (GRE).

**E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA-ADDITIONS**

Under Reports, Discussion, or Actions

- g. District Safety Committee-F. Zaragoza
- i. Cabinet Contract and Raises-Iliana Lopez (GRE)

Under Announcements

- f. Lions Club of Montebello Announcements-Ryan Rice (ATC)
- Agenda approved with the additions.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were read by Andy Shinn (BGI), Sandra Day (BGI), Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis (BAE). Motion was made and carried to approve the October 2015 Representative Council Minutes.

## G. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

### a. Budget Report - E. Guzman

E. Guzman presented the 2015-2016 Strategic Program Budget.

### b. Community Engagement (Montebello 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade) - M. Granado, C. Patlan, A. Orta, and F. Zaragoza

Executive Committee volunteers talked about their experience at the Montebello 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade. A (Who is your favorite teacher?) video was presented to council.

### c. Bargaining - D. Navar

A Tentative Agreement was reached for Article XVIII. Evaluations. The bargaining team continues to work on class size issues.

### d. Election Debrief - J. Quintero

J. Quintero provided a summary of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections.

### e. Ethnic Studies - A. Shinn

A. Shinn gave an update on Ethnic Studies and the committee work.

### f. Work Orders - F. Zaragoza

Discussed the work orders and the importance of making the language clear.

### g. District Safety Committee - F. Zaragoza

Provided an update on committee work.

### h. State Council Report - State Council Delegates

E. Guzman (Teacher Evaluation and Academic Freedom Committee) mentioned the work that occurred in the committee: developing principles for administrator evaluation. E. Guzman and M. Granado discussed the Freidrichs vs. CTA lawsuit and discussed the work with Harvard Professor Marshall Ganz and the development of the CTA Volunteer Organizing Corps. A. Orta (Early Childhood Education Committee) stated that the mandatory kindergarten bill will not be reintroduced by Assembly member S. Weber. Lorraine talked about the Stop the Attacks on Working People message.

### i. Cabinet Contract and Raises - Iliana Lopez (GRE)

Question regarding cabinet contracts and raises.

## H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- GLBT Guy DeRose Safety in School Grant and Scholarship - Due November 20
- Ethnic Minority Reception - Wednesday, December 9 at Rio Hondo Event Center
- BOE Reorganization - Thursday, December 10 at 7 p.m.
- Winter Holiday Council and New Member Dinner-December 15 at Tamayo's
- Office Closed - November 23-27 & December 23-January 8
- Lions Club of Montebello (Vision Care and Blood Drive) - Ryan Rice (ATC)

## I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Submitted by

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Alma Orta, Secretary

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Mandish Byrd MOI