

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
January 26, 2016
MTACC

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Lorraine attended the CTA Issues Conference in Las Vegas, NV. CTA President Eric Heins was present at the Supreme Court and gave his personal account on the case *Friederichs vs. CTA*.
2. She attended the NEA/CTA Membership Session on Benefits. The membership booklet will be distributed during the meet and greet visits at the school sites.
3. Lorraine provided an update on the work of the Calendar Committee.
4. The number of Temporary Contract Teacher conversions has been discussed at the Superintendent meetings. The names will be released in the MUSD Board of Education Meeting packet.
5. Pre-Retirement CalSTRS Workshop was January 23. Sixty-seven (67) MTA members attended.
6. Local and State Declaration of Candidacy for the NEA/RA due January 29.

C. VISIT: David Vela, Past President of the Board of Education

David Vela thanked the members for their campaign endorsement in the November 2015 election. He talked about efforts placed in passing Proposition 30 and 32 and other projects under his leadership as Board Member and Past President of MUSD.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read by Melina Valenzuela (Psychologist), Ernesto Sornoso (EAI), and Marie Madsen (MHS). Motion was made and carried to approve the December 2015 Representative Council Minutes.

E. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

No alternates were seated.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Under Reports, Discussion, or Actions

- d. Asbestos at MOI-Nealisha Byrd (MOI)
 - e. Timely Payments on Supplemental Paychecks for the 5th of the Month-Christina Paz (BVE)
- Agenda approved with the additions.

G. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

a. Bargaining - David Navar

David Navar reported on bargaining. Progress has stalled. Team is negotiating on Article VIII. Class Size. The next meeting is February 3. He encouraged the members to attend the MUSD Board Meetings. David stated the District will receive 30 million dollars in revenues and plans to put it in reserves and facilities.

b. Organizing Committee-M. Granado

Margie discussed how to organize for the February 4 Board Meeting. All members are encouraged to wear their MTA shirt or a shirt with the school logo. Margie went over procedures for those members wishing to speak during public comment at the board meeting.

c. Come Join the Movement-L. Richards

It is part of the Membership Engagement Plan. The goal is to have the membership gain a greater understanding about what the MTA has to offer. The plan includes having conversations with other members to help them become aware of the association so they may find their niche and become further involved.

d. Asbestos at MOI-Nealisha Byrd (MOI)

Questions and concerns arose regarding the status on the asbestos issue.

e. Timely Payments on Supplemental Paychecks for the 5th of the Month-Christina Paz (BVE)

Concerns regarding timely payments on supplemental paychecks.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. District STRS Workshop-January 27 - 3:30-5 p.m. at Board Room in District Office
- b. Debt Forgiveness Workshop-February 4 - 4:30-6 p.m. at Downey High School
- c. Mindful Meditation- February 8 – 4-5 p.m. at the MTA CC
- d. Retiree health Benefits - March 8 – 3:30-5 p.m. at the MTA CC
- e. Grievance Workshop – March 15 – 5-7 p.m. immediately following Council at the MTA CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner provided)
- f. Teacher and the Law – April 26 – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner provided) at the MTA CC
- g. Building Rep Basics – May 17 – 5-7 p.m. immediately following Council at the MTA CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner provided)
- h. School Site Safety – May 24 – 5-7 p.m. immediately following Council at the MTA CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner provided)

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by



Alma Orta, Secretary

