

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
February 23, 2016
MTA-CC

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A slideshow of MTA members who were present at the February 4 Board of Education meeting was created and is on the MTA website.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read by Letty Ornelas (LME), Noemy Barrera (CCE), and Jaime Quintero (FPA). Motion was made and carried to approve the January 2016 Representative Council Minutes.

D. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

No alternates were seated.

E. REVENUE AND EXPENSE OPEN HEARING - Filiberto Arizmendi

The Revenue and Expense Committee is a contractual District oversight committee. On February 10, 2016 the Revenue and Expense Committee adjourned early due to issues of procedures and the altering of agenda items. Topics discussed in the meeting were as follows. Due to the Governor's favorable proposed budget towards public education, MUSD revenues have increased \$9.9 million. From LCAP, sites have budgets of \$50 per student to address student needs. The procedures for disbursement of site budgets has not been provided. Although declining enrollment continues, enrollment figures are stabilizing in TK and Kindergarten. PE teachers have met with MUSD Procurement to determine PE clothing. The District is in the process of addressing IT needs. MOI teacher reimbursement on lost items due to asbestos disturbance continues. The District is investigating a possible bond process to improve facilities.

F. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Under Reports, Discussion, or Actions

g. Supplemental Paychecks - Christina Paz (BVE)

Under Announcements

i. Temporary Contract Teachers - Ryan Rice

j. Lions Club - Ryan Rice

Agenda approved with the additions.

G. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

a. Bargaining and Organizing - D. Navar and M. Granado

A Tentative Agreement for Article VIII. Class Size was reached. The Bargaining Team is stalled on Article XII. Wages. The issue is one-time versus ongoing money. Council is encouraged to attend the BOE Meetings. The February 25 BOE Meeting will have a presentation on the Bond and the voting of the Bond will take place at the March 3 BOE Meeting. The legal sequence of negotiations was discussed. Motion was made that: "In these uncertain times, the MTA will hold off from endorsing the Bond." Motion was passed unanimously.

b. Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act - L. Richards

The initiative will expand health care coverage to low income children and families if certain budgetary requirements are met. Procedures for circulating the petition and collecting signatures were given. Due date is March 23, 2016.

c. Come Join the Movement - L. Richards

An overview of the February 27 workshop was given and Council was encouraged to attend.

d. MTA Budget Update - E. Guzman

Budget presentation was made. It is based on CTA's Strategic Plan.

e. CTA State Council Report - State Council Representatives

Margie G. announced to Council her candidacy for CTA Board of Directors. Ed Guzman (Teacher Evaluation and Academic Freedom Committee) stated discussion focused on beginning teacher support programs and teacher evaluations. Alma Orta (Early Childhood Education Committee) discussed the Governor's Early Education Block Grant Proposal which the ECE Committee opposes. Lorraine mentioned the review of the Social Studies framework to provide input for public comments to CDE and discussed CTA supported AB 533 (Health Care Out of Network Coverage).

f. Calendar Committee - A. Orta

Committee Chairperson A. Orta (SUE) thanked Elizabeth Kocharian (BGH), Kathy Reyes (BGI) and Deanne Susino (FPA) for their work on the committee. The proposed modified, traditional and adult education calendars for 2016-2017 were based on the Spring 2015 calendar surveys. The calendars were recommended by the Executive Committee on February 2016. Executive Committee moved to accept the 2016-2017 calendars as presented. The 2016-17 calendars will be adopted at the March 15 Rep Council meeting.

g. Supplemental Paychecks - Christina Paz (BVE)

Concern with no specific work description noted in supplemental paychecks.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award Nominations **DUE TODAY**
- b. Retiree Health Benefits - March 8, 3:30-5 p.m. at the MTA-CC
- c. Grievance Workshop-March 15, 5-7 p.m. **immediately following Council** at the MTA-CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner Provided)
- d. Tax Day TGIF - Friday, April 15 TBA
- e. Teacher and the Law - April 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m. (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner Provided) at the MTA-CC
- f. Building Rep. Basics - May 17, 5-7 p.m. immediately following Council at the MTA-CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner provided)
- g. School Site Safety - May 24, 5-7 p.m. immediately following Council at the MTA-CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner provided)
- h. Office Closed March 25-April 1
- i. Temporary Contract Teachers -have been moved to probationary status - Ryan Rice
- j. Lions Club - announcement of their philanthropic work - Ryan Rice

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Submitted by


Alma Orta, Secretary

