

Montebello Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
April 19, 2016
MTA CC

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. More Temporary Contract Teachers are being moved into Probationary 1, 2 or Permanent Status as seen in BOE agenda for April 21.
2. Lorraine thanked members for attending the Mediation Social at the Hilton Garden Inn on April 15.
3. Scholarship for Scholars event at Tamayo's was April 14.
4. BOE meeting venue was not moved. MTA will still attend meeting on April 21.
5. Bridges group meeting is to get community industry to work with students in Pathways. For Seniors, it is an opportunity to learn how to do interviews and get immediate feedback. They were appreciative of interaction.
6. Issue with special education classroom that became a hybrid of additional students not part of the teacher's special education caseload.
7. Attended Congresswoman's Linda Sanchez Labor Advisory Council meeting.
8. Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia will write a letter to the Montebello Board members regarding present issues.
9. Special Education Committee has been visiting schools to observe different models of special education
10. Ethnic Studies has two committees. One was created as an advisory for the requirement and the other committee will focus on curriculum.
11. LCAP Advisory Committee has grown and will extend committee to include teachers.
12. California Casualty will visit school sites for Teacher Appreciation Week.
13. Margie Granado was officially elected to the CTA Board of Directors as the Representative of District L.
14. SESCO WHO Award Dinner is May 11 honoring Fili Arizmendi.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were read by Colleen Nishikawa-Alanis (BAE), Letty Ornelas (LME), Xochitl Maldonado (WIE). Motion was made and carried to approve the March 2016 Representative Council Minutes.

D. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternate attending Council was Terry Salas-Ortiz (CCE)

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Under Reports, Discussion, or Actions

g. Special Education Task Force - Melina Valenzuela (JGE)

h. Resolution of No Confidence - Eddie Garcia (BVE)

Agenda approved with the additions.

F. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, OR ACTIONS

a. Bargaining and Organizing - D. Navar, C. Paz, E. Garcia

David discussed first bargaining meeting with mediator. Executive board members will contact school sites to discuss bargaining for 2016-2017. Eddie G. urged for more member support. Christina Paz asked members to select the chants for the next rally.

- b. Petition Drive Prizes - L. Richards**
Lorraine thanked the members for gathering signatures for the Children's Education and the Health Care Protection Statewide Initiative. The winners of the \$50 dollar gift cards were: Angie Muñoz (JGE), Lu Cruz (CCE), and Paul Chavez (MHS). Claudia Ibarra (PHE) won the \$100 dollar gift card.
- c. LCAP Survey Results - L. Richards**
One hundred and ninety nine (199) members took the survey. Topics addressed were: Common Core, facilities, technology, closing the achievement gap, RCD rigor, and teacher recruitment.
- d. Nominations Close for 2016-2017 Executive Committee - R. Vogel**
Nominating Committee Member Rey Vogel read the submitted nominations and accepted nominations from the Council floor. The following members were nominated:
Vice-President: Ed Guzman & Paul Chavez
Secretary: Alma Orta
Elementary Director: Doug Patzkowski
High School Director: Elizabeth Kocharian & David Keys
Adult Education Director: Jaime Quintero
CTA State Council & Alternate: Ed Guzman & Eddie Garcia.
- e. Insurance Committee - G. Cunningham**
Gloria C. gave an update on committee work.
- f. CTA State Council Report - State Council Representatives**
Ed stated that the Teacher Evaluation and Academic Freedom Committee voted a "no position" on AB 2825 (Teacher Evaluation Legislation). Alma stated the Early Childhood Education Committee opposed Governor Brown's Early Education Block Grant. Lorraine provided information on the Education for a Global Economy Initiative, and mentioned 2015-2016 GLBT Guy De Rosa Safety in Schools Grant recipient MTA member Samuel Alvarado who won a \$500 grant.
- g. Special Education Task Force - Melina Valenzuela (JGE)**
Provided an update on issues that have arisen.
- h. Resolution of No Confidence - Eddie Garcia (BVE)**
Eddie G. made a motion to draft a Resolution of No Confidence to be presented for Superintendent Susana Contreras-Smith. Motion was approved.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Site Specific Waiver Due Date Extended to May 17
- b. Teacher and the Law - April 26-3:30-5:30 p.m. (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner Provided) at the MTA CC
- c. Building Rep Basics - May 17 from 5-7 p.m. immediately following Council at the MTA CC (2 hours District Salary Credit and Dinner Provided)
- d. School Site Safety-May 24- 3:30-5 p.m. (1.5 hours District Salary Credit) at the MTA CC
- e. Retirement Dinner - Hilton Long Beach May 20

H. ADJOURNMENT TO GRIEVANCE WORKSHOP

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Submitted by



Alma Orta, Secretary

