

## **CNTA REP. COUNCIL 10 MINUTE MEETING TALKING POINTS 10/21/14**

Dear Site Reps.,

Thank you for attending last night's meeting! Here is a brief summary of the items discussed during the meeting. Please feel free to use these talking points during your CNTA time at your next staff meeting.

**Special Guest:** Mikki Cichocki-Semo, the Secretary/Treasurer of CTA was our special guest speaker. She encouraged members to visit [www.cta.yourvoterguide.com](http://www.cta.yourvoterguide.com) to get information or recommendations about the upcoming election. Updates on pending or current legislation and litigation that may affect teachers are also discussed. You can get information about upcoming trainings, conferences and member benefits as well at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org).

**President's Report:** Harold discussed the various committee meetings that have been held, including grade-book, insurance, Special Ed., and CEC (Consortium for Educational Change). CEC has visited 6 school sites and will be visiting more in the future. They are focused on improving collaboration and PLCs in the district. Meetings with district, site, and CNTA leadership will occur over the next several months. In addition, a CALSTRS Retirement Check-Up meeting/seminar will be held on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 P.M. at the CNTA office. It is free to our members, but if you are interested in attending, you need to register online at [www.CalSTRS.com/Workshops](http://www.CalSTRS.com/Workshops) and use the following code: SB141120. You may also register by phone at 800-228-5453.

**Vice-President's Report:** Future Buy-Back days for professional development will be paid in increments of 7 hours, not 6 hours, as was done in the summer. If you attended these sessions in the summer, and were compensated for 6, the difference of 1 hour will be paid to you retroactively in the near future. Details will be forthcoming. VEBA will be partnering with American Fidelity to complete a dependent audit for health benefits. You will need to provide official documentation, i.e. birth certificates, in the next few months. More details to follow. During planned disaster drills, testing, etc., schedule modifications should be made to ensure each secondary teacher receives an equitable prep. If this is not happening at your site, please contact your administration and/or CNTA.

**Treasurer's Report:** CNTA's annual audit will be conducted by Smith-Marion & Co. this month. The final report will be available for members' review at the CNTA office in the near future. CNTA will be exploring the idea of installing solar panels as a cost saving measure.

**Directors' Breakouts/Reports:** Each group discussed their respective concerns. Many items were site or member specific and will be addressed appropriately. The universal concerns were as follows: Detentions at secondary sites being moved to the office if less than 5 students are present, resulting in no payment for the supervising teacher; reminder that Sp. Ed. teachers should be receiving all the core materials and supplies like general ed. teachers, plus necessary supplemental materials; concerns about having subs available when attending district in-services. If subs are not available, teachers must return to their school site.

**New Business:** Phone banking is occurring for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction and for Measure GG. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the CNTA office for dates and times. The CNTA community outreach committee will be hosting a fun, kid friendly booth at Promenade Park off McKinley this Sunday from 12-4 to celebrate Red Ribbon week. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. If you are able to donate an hour or two of your time, please contact Ambra Dodds-Main at [adodds@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:adodds@cnusd.k12.ca.us). The participation rates for last spring's Principal Survey were released. It is important for each site to get at least 50% participation to validate the data. Further discussions will occur to determine the timing and methodology of future surveys.

**Next Rep. Council meeting is Tuesday 11/18/14 at 4:00 P.M.** Please join us for a holiday themed refreshments, raffle prizes, and a special guest speaker.