



Corona-Norco Teachers Association

CNTA Representative Council Meeting MINUTES - August 19th, 2014 4:00 P.M.

I. AGENDA APPROVAL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 20th, 2014

Adopted the minutes with corrections. Agenda was adopted with flexibility.

II. Reports

A. President's report

Harold welcomed everyone back and thanked the reps for all their hard work over the last two years. See Harold's letter. The STRS unfunded liability was big CTA business this summer. The fix is on our website. Our contribution is going up to 8.15%, then another increase again in the next two years. The state is going above the 6%. The district is also having to pay more, from 8.25% now to 19% in seven years. This money will come from the general funds in the district that could also go toward class size, programs, case loads. Another situation this summer was the Vergara case. There is no API for the next two years. All test scores are for us. Reminders about not giving students your cell phone number or being friends with students on Facebook.

B. Vice President's report

Welcome back. We are gearing up for another year at CNSEF. Grants were not given last year due to a lack of funds. Be looking for the applications this fall. There could be up to \$50,000 for grants this year. Speed reading workshops are being offered to raise funds that will go back to educational grants. VEBA enrollment process seemed better, and the dependent audit will be this year. The forms will come in the mail or email. Harold and Julie hosted the new teacher breakfast for 88 new teachers to CNUSD. Five day count has happened and some adjustments are being made. Subs can be requested, if the class size is over the caseload.

C. Treasurer's report

Colby reported that we do have money. Balance sheets were looked over.

D. NEA-RA report

Nine CNTA reps attended NEA-RA in Denver, Colorado. A Twitter page was created that reported what we did for the week. The page is

@Connect2Cnta. The three heads of NEA are women: Lily Eskelson-Garcia, Becky Pringle, and Princess Moss. George Sheridan from California was elected to the NEA Board. NEA is sending a letter to President Obama to fire Arne Duncan as the Secretary of Education. There were over 100 new business items. See the NEA webpage for all the information about the RA and the new business items.

III. **Breakout into representative groups**

A. Directors' reports

Rhonda Winek (sub for K-3) no report

Mike Pate (sub for 4-6) technology issues. Who is on the committee for the grade book and inputting grades each week? One teacher from each site is required.

Monika Openshaw (Intermediate Director)- concerns at middle schools where some teachers have academic classes, not an intervention class. Teachers who worked summer school were not paid or not the proper amount. Math manipulatives will be sent out at one set per site. Duty is being excused, or preferred at some sites. Monika would like input from science departments at the high schools to prove that labs do not support Common Core. Is there still funding for experiments?

Chris Rodriguez (Secondary Director)- Questions about preps especially at Corona. Are they bringing back the teacher-librarian positions? How is integrated math being rolled out? Sites are asking about staff meeting schedules. Fence issues. Email issues.

Betsy Jara (Support Services Director)- problems with technology as counselors cannot finish schedules. The IEP program is not working. HR is not current on their aide lists. Some aid positions were sub positions. What is the procedure for those splitting between an early and a late school and working longer than the professional day? They should use a time card for the overtime. Question about sick days and PN days and their uses. Can use 2 PN days in a row, or get docked. Can use 5 sick days without a doctor's note. Harold reminded that everyone should designate their doctor for any workers comp situations. CNTA, HR, and your school secretary have the form.

IV. **New Business Items (NBI's)**

A. Adoption of CNTA 2014-15 Budget

Colby Earnest went over the proposed budget for the year. Question about the wages on the budget. We are going to hire a person for eight hours a week to help Lorene by answering calls, data entry, etc.

Increases in the Chris moved that we accept the 2014-2015 burdget. Martha seconded. Motion carried.

B. School Site Rep. and Safety Committee elections

Safety Committee must include 3 teachers. Elections by ballot or acclamation must be held each year and counted by teachers/ reps. The results must come to CNTA. No stipend for the safety committee members. Each site needs to have one rep per 10 teachers (round up). The election must be run by teachers who are not reps or candidates. The new reps must be ready for September's meeting. Maria will be sending out this information via email.

C. CNUSD School Board, School Bond GG and local election updates

We endorsed the two school board members who were running. They were running unopposed, so they automatically remain. Michele Skipworth resigned when she moved out of the area. The school board is going to appoint a person to fill the trustee area three position for the rest of the term. Loretta Arenas moved that CNTA endorse Mary Ybarra as the appointment to the CNUSD school board. Chris Rodriguez seconded. 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

We are part of the coalition with police and fire. They have asked for our support of Karen Spiegel, Steve Ruth, Eugene Montanez. Loretta Arenas moved that CNTA endorse Karen Spiegel for Corona city council. Martha Santos seconded. Motion carried. Loretta moved that CNTA endorse Eugene Montanez for Corona city council. Martha Santos seconded. Motion carried. Loretta Arenas moved that CNTA endorse Steve Ruth for the Corona city council. Martha Santos seconded. Motion carried. 3 abstentions.

School Bond GG is going to be for \$396 million, \$24 per \$100,000 per year for 20 years. This will be the third bond for the homes in the area. Funding will go for technology to purchase and maintain, and the building of several new schools. The district is asking for our support. Question about what support means. The money is to stay in the area in which it was raised. There is a list of priorities for the district, safety, technology, buildings. Loretta Arenas moved that CNTA endorse the passage of School Bond measure GG. Jerry Goar seconded. Pro-Con discussion. Chris Rodriguez moved that we table the motion to endorse school bond GG. Monika Openshaw seconded. Motion carried to table the endorsement. We need the specifications of the bond measure.

D. STRS Update

The district is to increase funding up to 19%, and it is reasonable for the first two years, but goes up rapidly. We will see how this actually is needed in the future. See the chart online. Give the members information. New employees have a different system.

Vivian Ringen moved to close the meeting. Loretta Arenas seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

**** Next Rep. Council meeting is Tuesday, 9/16/14**