

CNTA Representative Council Minutes  
February 17, 2015

I. Meeting called to order at 4:01 P.M.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2015. Agenda accepted with flexibility. Chris Rodriguez moved to accept the minutes with changes. Motion carried.

III. REPORTS

A. President's report- Harold stressed the involvement and work of this body. Saturday, February 21, will be the Common Core symposium. There is Bingo Bash this weekend at Citrus Hills. March 17, we will have a special celebration at rep council. Wear green. Rodrigo's is the site for celebrating our teachers finishing their second year to be permanent status, at 3:30.

B. Vice President's report- Julie reported that the T-shirts have come in. Wear them on rep council days. Insurance benefit audit is coming up. She has been fielding questions. Plans are being discussed and verified. This process will be every three years. They look at the documents, but do not make copies. The negotiations team has looked through all the bargaining survey responses. She will look into the pooling of benefits as to who has to show documentation.

C. Treasurer's report- Colby reported that the audit came in. For a brief time, we had more money in our account than what is insured by the bank. That was the only problem they found. She thanked Harold and Julie for their support. She wished the new candidates good luck in the position.

D. Directors' reports

Chris Rodriguez (Secondary Director) The district says that the integrated math textbooks will be supplementals, as no publisher has created Common Core books ready for piloting and adoption.

Monika Openshaw (Intermediate Director) Absent

Heidi Simmons (Elementary Director 4-6)

Kristi Johnson (Elementary Director K-3) Assessments for Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade were not grade level appropriate.

Betsy Jara (Support Services Director)

E. CTA State Council Reports. Betsy reported from the caucus for exceptional students regarding a survey for teachers that have been abused by these students. Tanya reported that they are working on Kindergarten becoming mandatory. Kristi reported that they want a real principal evaluation.

IV. Breakout into Representative Groups- Directors will give reports at end of breakout sessions

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS (NBIs)

A. Smarter Balance - Dr. Roger Yoho

SBAC starts on March 10, goes until the last day of school. This is a transition from the past testing. The ideals of Common Core and college and career ready are the driving force of SBAC. The testing is one measure. AB 484 required that STAR could not be compared to CASP/SBAC. We have access to the digital library with resources for teachers: videos, lessons, etc. Summative assessments will be

adaptive. Students will come to questions that are very difficult as a result of getting questions correct from their own grade level. The test scores will go to parents and be available on Illuminate. There are universal tools for support. Designated supports for at the teacher's discretion for a particular student. Students on an IEP will have access to the accommodations. IT has been getting new labs up and running. High school asked who is responsible for teaching kids how to navigate through the test. The interim testing will help with that. No one has been required to take and score the interim test. How will students be compared from the beginning to end of the testing window? The students should be tested from the oldest to youngest, due to the proportion of education being tested.

B. Other Means of Correction OMC - Mr. Reggie Thompkins & Dr. Mike Ilic

ACP has not been eliminated. It is still a tool. There are progressive discipline guidelines that are being piloted. Suspension is available for A-E violations. Communication is still a problem. Teachers would like training on the documentation required. This could be one of the symposium days. Each situation is unique and needs to be investigated. Teachers need to know what A-E is. Administrators are not communicating to their site what the progressive discipline model looks like. This gets worse with admin turn over. Questions about truancy. OMC protects what is written in the IEPs.

C. NEA-RA delegate/local election candidates statements

1. 4:30 today is deadline for submitting your nomination form.
2. Candidates have opportunity to speak for one minute today.
3. Candidate pictures will be taken for website.

Maria Macabales, Elections Chair, reported.

Treasurer- Omar Mayen, Shane Hertzske

Elementary- Jennifer De Vries

Secondary- Chris Rodriguez

NEA-RA- Loretta Arenas, Martha Santos, Shane Hertzske, Betsy Jara, Souphasith Bouasaysy

Ethnic minority-unfilled

Dan moved to suspend the rules to vote by acclamation. Jeff Henrickson seconded. Motion carried.

Paru Kwaitkowski moved to accept Jennifer De Vries for Elementary Director 4-6. Mike Pate seconded. Motion carried.

Keith moved to accept Chris Rodriguez as Secondary Director. Kristi seconded. Motion carried.

Each of the Treasurer candidates will give a one minute speech.

Omar Mayen is a teacher at Santiago for the past 9 years.

Shane Hertzke wants to get involved. She wants to represent the young teachers who are continuing not retiring.

Kristi Johnson moved that we accept the candidates to NEA-RA. Mike Pate seconded. Motion carried.

CTA seats to NEA-RA are still being elected. Please vote.

D. Principal's Survey- 600 have responded. It is still open until Friday. We need 50% or more per site to get adequate feedback. Reps need to push the teachers at their sites to fill this out.

VII. Adjournment. Kristi Johnson moved to adjourn. Martha Santos seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 5:50 P.M.

\* Our next Rep. Council mtg. will be March 17, 2015 at 4 p.m.