

## CNTA Representative Council Meeting

MINUTES – November 18 at 3:59 P.M.

I. AGENDA APPROVAL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 21st, 2014  
Minutes accepted with changes. Motion carried. Agenda accepted with flexibility.

### II. Reports

A. President's report. Harold thanked all of the reps. A gift was given in appreciation. Harold and Julie attended the Teacher of the Year ceremony. Jessica Johnson, Arronda Hudson, Diana Twiss, and Mary Neimeyer were honored. Please look at the pink sheet AB 484 about the testing for this year. At Intermediate, there is talk about moving from trimester to semester, and the stipends are back for intramural and reflections. The facility project list in on the CNUSD website. We need possibly retired teachers to be on the oversight committee. Out Twitter link is @Connect2CNTA. A Facebook page is being developed.

B. Vice President's report. Julie reported that she has been involved in some of the VEBA wellness activities. There are many meetings happening each month, including BTSA, gradebook, uniformity, Special Ed. Julie reported that the surveys will be in January and February, followed by the election in March. The log-in information needs to go to a personal email address. November paychecks will be available on November 26. December checks will post January 2. Please look at the gradebook committee list.

C. Treasurer's report. Colby reported that the audit has happened, and she spent one day with the auditors. The report will be presented in the future. Colby investigated the idea of solar panels, tax credits, etc. for the building. Our energy use has gone up since we use the upstairs offices so much now that we have remodeled them. Southern California Edison has stated that our proposal can be written now, but not putting it into effect until after the first of the year. We need to keep in mind that we haven't had the full year of billing to use for decision. The metal roof will need to be cleaned before installation. The payback is about 8 years for the \$100,000 for panels and installation.

D. Directors' reports

Kristi Johnson (Elementary K-3 Director). Questions about re-designation for EL students.

Heidi Simmons (Elementary 4-6 Director) Discussed the online gradebook. Schools are reporting that suspensions are down. There are no meaningful consequences even for physical behaviors. This is a result of Other Means of Correction.

Monika Openshaw (Intermediate Director). At the Curriculum meeting, Monika brought up the consumable workbooks. She attended the counselor meeting, to get the needs met. Issues about cell phones at sites. Teachers are being told to confiscate, some told to not. 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are given six classes and one non-academic, while 7<sup>th</sup> is five classes and a success for school class.

Chris Rodriguez (Secondary Director). Met with curriculum to discuss science needs and integrated math. The math will get support soon. Inconsistencies in discipline, few consequences for verbal abuse from student to teacher. Admin is not responding to parent verbal abuse of a teacher. SAT support and schedule. Attendance policies inconsistent. Admin off campus. When will we get training for behavior modification?

Betsy Jara (Support Services Director). She went to the counseling committee meeting that had many groups to give voice to the separate needs.

E. State Council reports. No report.

### III. Breakout into Representative groups

#### IV. New Business

A. Update from PAC. Harold reported that Measure GG passed with 56%. Tom Torlakson was re-elected to State Superintendent of Education. Two (Eugene Montanez and Karen Spiegel) of our three endorsed candidates for Corona city council were elected. 38% of the voters actually cast ballots.

B. Member Survey/Principal Survey. We need current emails for these.

C. Teacher of the Year. These teachers were offered a chance to go to Issues or Good Teaching Conference. Diana Twiss was noted as Top 17 in the state.

D. Upcoming trainings/conferences. Please see the calendar of events. November 20 is the STRS workshop. Sign up online. Sonny is giving a financial planning meeting on December 4. Site Rep Training on January 7 will be held and paid for as a PD day. It will be on the calendar to sign up. School safety issues will be addresses for security people and school safety committees on January 9. The Issues Conference is coming up in January, deadline to sign up is December 1. Only 14 people will be sent from CNTA. The Good Teaching conference will be in spring.

E. CNTA hours, calendar, events for November/December. See the flyer. Kristi Johnson moved to cancel the December rep council meeting. Dan Tucker seconded. Motion carried. There will be a social on December 16 in lieu of the meeting at Rodrigo's.

#### V. Program

A. VEBA Wellness. Lindsey spoke about California benefits and the wellness programs. Health screenings were offered in the board room. She is a health coach. There are coaching programs, both individual and group, for helping with exercise, nutrition, and stress. The challenges are available online. A district-wide challenge could be developed. Health screenings can be set up at a school site, if at least 6 people sign up. Workshops, such as a cooking demo, can also be set up at your school site. Boot camp or Nutrition 101 and workshops are free of charge. There is an incentive program to earn up to 1,000 points which can be exchanged for gift cards at the end of a year. Group coaching is 4-6 weeks. VEBA has done a coaching session at Lee Pollard High School. The Wellness Committee (Tracy Horton chairperson) has been meeting once a month.

VI. Adjournment. Chris Rodriguez moved to adjourn. Vivian Ringen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 5:28 P.M.