

## ***Rep. Council Ten Minute meeting notes for March 15, 2016***

President's report. Good afternoon everyone. I have a few quick congratulations for some of our staff and sites. Please congratulate the following certificated members for their recognition and accomplishments. Jessica Fuller at Orange Grove and Melanie Oliver at Highland were celebrated and recognized for their teaching in Sacramento a few weeks ago. Also Robert Yoshida at Citrus Hills was named counselor of the year in CNUUSD, and Carlos Guillen at Home Gardens was named site support staff of the year in CNUUSD. Please congratulate them if you work with them or know them.

### **Update on Friedrich's vs CTA.**

It has been in the papers and there is much speculation about the US Supreme Court ruling on this case which deals with 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights as it relates to collecting dues for political action. You can read the court case information and many different opinions and editorials about this particular case if you google it. The bottom line is the case was heard in February, but with the death of Judge Antonio Scalia, the outcome of this case and other cases could possibly change. With regards to Friedrich's vs CTA, the prediction from CTA lawyers is that Friedrich's vs CTA could be a 4-4 decision if Judge Antonio Scalia's seat is not filled. A 4-4 decision by the Supreme Court means the legal decision is sent back to the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit court in California where the judge ruled in favor of CTA. No matter what the ruling, there are apparently at least 20 more lawsuits similar to the Friedrich's vs CTA lawsuit in the legal system across the country which will challenge how union dues are collected.

### **Endorsement – School Board**

Rep. Council voted to endorse incumbents ***Jose Lalas*** and ***Mary Ybarra*** for the upcoming School Board election this fall.

## Day of the Child

Day of the Child celebration is April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Corona city park. Anyone interested in volunteering at the CNTA Booth, contact Monica Openshaw at [mopenshaw@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:mopenshaw@cnusd.k12.ca.us).

### ***Children's Education and Health care Protection Act (Initiative to Extend Prop. 30)***

Seven signatures in seven days initiative. Thanks to everyone who has already started. It was shared at Rep. Council that CA public schools are not being adequately funded to truly meet the needs of our students. In 1964, CA was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally in per pupil spending and the state was seen as a leader and an example to the rest of the country with regards to our K-12 and higher education programs. Around 1980, we were ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the nation. In 2014-15, (even with the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that we have received from Prop. 30), we were ranked around 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per pupil spending. We are also ranked as low as 47<sup>th</sup> or lower in counselor to student ratio, nurse to student ratio, librarian to student ratio and administrator to student ratio. The reason these facts were mentioned in Rep. Council is due to the sales tax provision of Prop. 30 expires in 2016 and the income tax provision of Prop. 30 expires in 2018. The signature campaign is to get a new proposition on the ballot for the fall to replace or extend the funding for K-14 schools in CA.

**\*\*Please note we are extending the timeline on getting signatures. The goal is to have members get seven signatures. If you have not turned in your signatures, want to get more signatures or even start getting seven signatures there is still time. Please see your Site Rep. or call CNTA (951-737-3414), we can provide you the information. *Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>* is last day we are collecting the signature gathering pages. *There are contests going on for individuals and local associations in our Region 4 for gathering the most signatures. **The 1<sup>st</sup> place individual with the most signatures wins \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$400, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$300, 4<sup>th</sup> \$ 200 and 5<sup>th</sup> \$100.*****

Maria Macabales shared the results of our local elections and explained that there was a run-off election going on for our 4<sup>th</sup> State Council position. The run-off ends on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The NEA Representative Assembly (RA) election for State Delegates has ended. We will share those results with Rep. Council and general membership once that election cycle is over. The Orientation meeting for our delegates who are attending the Representative Assembly in D.C. will be at CNTA on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:45.

### **Other Announcements:**

April 14<sup>th</sup> we will holding a 403B and finance workshop for our members at CNTA. In May we will be celebrating our Certificated Retirees in CNUSD. We will have more details about the retirement event at the April Rep. Council.

*The CNTA office will be open during Spring break on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 until 4. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday. Stop by for entertainment discounts, drop off signature pages or just come by for a bottle of water or cup of coffee and say hello.*

Enjoy your Spring Recess whether it is a week or if you are just tracking back on or off at our year round schools. Happy Spring Everyone.