

# Apple Valley United Teachers Association

## Rep. Council Meeting

October 18, 2011

Approved 12/13/11

Meeting at: Selpa

Prepared by: Dorothy Ruiz

**28 Members Attending:** Mike Castellano, Renee Freeman, Bethany Thompson, Lance Arnt, Kristy Croft, Dorothy Ruiz, Julie Lubbe, John Zachau, Robert Ewing, Tayari Kuanda, Denise Giles, Martha Lopez, Melissa Face, Suzan Marshall, Janet Ambe, Lisa Belling, Henry Cowles, Loralyn Farris, Pam Gallardo, Dan Jey, Deanna Klima, M. Ortloff, Jeniffer Manning, Leslie McNeley, Kathy Meyer, Sue Newton, Laura Quigley, Deanna Quintano, Christine Rigor, Sandy Rodriguez, Terri Thompson, Ron Welemin, Greg McMahon, Diane Wiczorek, Megan Lukehart

**Call to order:** President Mike Castellano called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Henry Cowles moved to accept the minutes for September 20, 2011 and Kristy Croft seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved and filed for audit.

### **President's Report:**

1. Mike Castellano said to give CTA cards that needed corrections back to Bethany Thompson.
2. Mike Castellano reported in regards to the yellow form – District Qualification Request for parents – CTA responded that Title 1 schools for NCLB requirement. Federal Law states Parents can request information about their child's teacher. AVUSD has chosen to send out a form. Non Title 1 schools do not have to do this.
3. The Executive Board decided not to form an Evaluation Committee. Mike Castellano will check with District about forms and procedures.
4. Previous Wellness members will get free flu shots. There is approximately \$19,000 left in the Wellness fund.
5. Enrollment seems to have stabilized now. October 6, 2011 – 13,293 and October 7, 2010 – 13,453 equals a difference of 160 students.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Renee Freeman said she needs rep information from 6 schools. She reminded Reps to do 10-minute meetings. Form is on the website. Send information to Kristy Croft for committee meetings and 10-minute meetings. See Kristy Croft after the meeting if you have questions. Remember members need to be informed. Sign up for Las Vegas Conference now. November 15<sup>th</sup> Rep Council meeting will be cancelled if nothing comes up.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Bethany Thompson thanked everyone who sorted through CTA cards. Send Bethany an email if some members do not have CTA cards on your site.

### **Committees:**

#### **Negotiations:**

1. John Zachau, the Negotiations Chair, reported that they would have training at the High Desert Service Center in Hesperia.
2. The committee is working on a survey to be sent online to get input from membership.
3. Two articles can be opened in our contract on each side. We will open Article 16-PAR and Article 19-Compensation. The District will open Negotiation Procedures and Article 13-Adjunct Duties.

**By-Laws:** Lance Arnt said that Megan Lukehart and Melissa Face have been added to the committee. They plan to meet after this meeting.

**State Council:** Rob Ewing said he will forward pie charts to Kristy Croft to post on the website to get information on where dues go to all members. CTA is interested in getting a larger insurance pool to lower insurance rates. CTA will negotiate with bigger districts.

**Elections Committee:** Jeniffer Manning the elections chair, said the results of the election: Julie Lubbe is the new PS-6 Segment Director and Terri Thompson is the new PS-8 Segment Director.

**Grievance:** Janet Ambe reported there is a meeting tomorrow.

**Insurance Trust:**

1. Mike Castellano said Kaiser is building a facility in the High Desert. There is no information on rates; it is just in the beginning stages.
2. We are checking on Blue Shield rebates for group rate.
3. Checking into Weight Watchers to see if we leave as is or expand.
4. Take advantage of Best Doctors process.

**PAC Committee:** No report. Mike Castellano said Executive Board has requested By-Laws to Draft language to combine the PAC committee and the Organizing Committee.

**Organizing Committee:** Rob Ewing said we are working on a form to order more shirts. Meeting tomorrow at Sandia in Martha Lopez's room. We are looking into Publications for teacher promotion, social get togethers, and informal discussions.

**Treasurers Report:**

Lance Arnt reported on the Budget report. Budget balance \$100,500 Expenditures have to be approved by Rep Council. Two people have to sign checks – Lance Arnt, Mike Castellano and/or Renee Freeman. Rob Ewing moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Kristy Croft seconded the motion. Motion carried and filed for audit.

**Old Business:** Greg McMahon brought up TB tests for parent volunteers. He said the TB tests are holding back volunteers. Mike Castellano said there were a lot of approvals in the Board report. He will check to see if cost is an issue.

**New Business:**

1. Rob Ewing said that GH site meeting centered around discipline. He asked if students can bear witness against a teacher. Mike Castellano said it is legal. Kids file a complaint and it appears to be one-sided. Discussion. Mike Castellano said the processes are for your protection. An attorney is assigned. We cannot stop the process. Discussion.
2. Ron Welemin is looking for someone to share a room at the Conference in Las Vegas.
3. Diane Wiczorek said it seems difficult to get a STRS appointment. Their hours are 8:30-2:30. Mike Castellano said he will voice a complaint and let them know our members are upset.
4. Tayari Kuanda reponds to number 1. He said it seems unconstitutional if the member who is being accused is not allowed to be there. Mike Castellano said that is why attorneys are involved.
5. CTA has endorsed some people for the STRS election.
6. Staff ratio on field trip is 10 to 1 in all grades. Lance Arnt said we need to have District revisit this.
7. Laura Quigley brought up that the principal told 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to meet about Steve Dunn at lunch. Mike Castellano said no – 30 minute duty free lunch.

**Information:**

1. Victor Senior is at Impasse. CTA High Desert Service Center will ask us to help. They are looking at cutting 13 more days from their schedule and possibly step and column.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 – moved by Lance Arnt and seconded by Kristy. Motion carried.