

Apple Valley United Teachers Association Joint Executive Board and Rep. Council Meeting

June 7, 2011

Approved 8/16/11-Exec. Board

Meeting at: Selpa

Approved 8/23/11-Rep. Council

Prepared by: Dorothy Ruiz

Members Attending: Mike Castellano, Renee Freeman, Kristy Croft, Dorothy Ruiz, Janet Ambe, Robert Ewing, Shanelle Hansen, Martha Lopez, Julie Lubbe, Kathy Oberschmidt, Bill Michelson, Diane Kennedy, Tayari Kuanda, Suzan Marshall, Lisa Belling, Frank Cleary, Jeniffer Manning, Brenda Martin, Deanna Klima, Greg McMahon, Kathy Meyer, Sue Newton, Deanna Quintano, Christine Riger, Sandy Rodriguez, Ron Welemin, Diane Wiczorek, Laura Quigley, Pat Cleary, Renee Castillo, Lisa Aburto, Wayne Fowlie, Terri Thompson, Pam Gallardo, John Zachau, Karen Greer, Loralyn Farris,

Call to order: President Mike Castellano called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Renee Freeman Moved to accept the minutes for May 10ths Executive Board Meeting and Kristy Croft seconded. Diane Kennedy moved to accept the minutes for May 17th Rep Council Meeting and Denise Giles seconded. Both sets of Minutes were approved and filed for audit. Mike Castellano introduced our new CTA staff contact – Bill Hedrick.

President's Report:

1. Mike Castellano thanked everyone for their hard work in making this a great year. He wanted to especially thank the Organizing Committee, Election Committee, Kristy Croft for her website work, and all the committee chairs for their outstanding work this year.
2. Mike Castellano reported that the State of CA received unexpected cash flow from personal income tax. Governor Brown has taken increase revenue and cancelled deferrals. This means the DO is getting 4 ½ million. No additional cuts will be made this year. State suspended Prop 98 –it has been reinstated. This means if the state pays 80 cents on the dollar they will have to be paid in the future. Cash flow will come in next year.
3. County has told districts: Do not increase funding. We will have a state budget by June 15th. 60% has already been passed. It has to be a balanced budget. Next year no additional cuts.
4. Our district budget looks healthy three years out. Our declining enrollment is still problem. The 3% that we are down in ADA this year will be funded next year. Movement of teachers is based on enrollment.
5. We have filed a Level 3 grievance to do with Pre-K evaluations.
6. There is no more federal money coming. If temporary teachers ask you tell them to apply for unemployment.

1st Vice President: No report.

2nd Vice President: Absent – no report

Treasurer: Absent. He is in Kansas City doing AP work. Martha Lopez reported. Mike Castellano will send out stipends if the completed request form is sent to him. Renee Freeman Moved to table the Treasurer's Report until August. Kristy Croft seconded the motion.

Discussion. Motion carried – tabled until August.

4:35 - Committees:

Negotiations: Our Lead Negotiator -Les Bennett is retiring. Mike Castellano asked to appoint John Zachau as Lead Negotiator. Mike Castellano said he is experienced and will do a good job. Discussion. Renee Freeman moved to appoint John Zachau as Lead Negotiator. Kristy Croft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

By-Laws: None

State Council: Rob Ewing reported that the new CTA officers are: President – Dean Vogel, Vice President – Eric Heins, Treasurer- Mikki Cichocki, and our new rep. is Jose Ocalla.

Rob is a member of the State of Emergency Committee. The work of the committee helped put Phase 2 of State of Emergency into action. CTA is being proactive. Our local President Mike Castellano and the Organizing Committee did a good job. Other locals will have to come up with an organizing committee. The State of Emergency Committee will meet on a plan when school starts. Mike Castellano reported that the finance committee for the State is looking at new ways to fund education.

Elections Committee: Kristy Croft moved to appoint Jeniffer Manning as Election Committee Chair. Dorothy Ruiz seconded. Motion passed. Jeniffer Manning is the new Election Committee Chair. The members on the committee are: Loralyn Farris, Sandy Rodriguez, Tish Cannon, Maria Lopez, and Karen McGraw. Dorothy Ruiz and Kristy Croft will no longer be members of the Elections Committee.

Grievance: Diane Kennedy will no longer be Grievance Chair. Kristy Croft moved for Janet Ambe to be Grievance Chair. Denise Giles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Insurance Trust: Shanelle Hansen reported that Delta Dental will decrease coverage by 10% a year if insured and their covered family members do not go once by December 31st each year. The lowest it will go is 70%. 1.1% in health care will be refunded to Trust. We will wait to see how it will be given back to members.

PAC Committee: Steve Lohmeyer said radio adds were great. Tayari Kuanda said the Associate Student Body of VVC supported CTA. Steve Lohmeyer said that writing on cars or putting up yard signs to Save Our Schools can help. Janet Ambe also said that the STARDUST Radio show was a success. It is on our AVUTA website if you want to watch it.

Old Business:

1. The M.O.U. Agreement that was sent to Executive Board had negotiations implications so Executive Board sent it back to the district.
2. Suzan Marshall presented an idea for a M.O.U. for Vanguard. Mike Castellano said that he was told by the Superintendent that it could not be done with only one school. Discussion.

New Business:

1. Desert Knolls Elementary going to close is just a rumor.
2. Rob Ewing said it would be good to carry out organizing events over the summer.
3. Organizing Committee needs a new chair.

Information:

November 18-20 Fall Leadership Conference in Las Vegas at the Flamingo

If you would like to deliver Visa Cards to members retiring on your campus – see Mike.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 by Denise Giles and seconded by Kristy Croft.