South Whittier Teachers Association

Rep Council Meeting

February 09, 2021

1.0 **Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.**

Roll Call:

**Executive Board:**

\_X\_ Carlos Rivera, President \_X\_Lorenda Gonzales, V. President

\_X\_ Julee Abrahamson, Secretary \_X\_ Ester Vargas-Hollar, Treasurer

\_X\_Helia Adanto, MAL \_X\_Sheril Tolentino, MAL

**Site Representatives:**

\_X\_Carmela: Belinda Stevens-Bernal \_X\_GMS: Cheryl Jensen

\_X\_Lake Marie: Roxanne Grago \_X\_Loma Vista: Mark Fuentes

\_X\_Los Altos: Christine Thornton \_X\_ McKibben: Barbara Llamas

\_X\_Monte Vista: Jennifer Yanagi

**Other Members:**

\_X\_Loma Vista, Lani Namahoe \_X\_ Loma Vistsa, Sarah Payne

\_X\_ Loma Vista, Carrie Galloway \_X\_ Loma Vista, Eun Sol Kim

\_X\_ Loma Vista, Bree Victoria \_X\_Loma Vista, Maria Martinez

\_X\_Los Altos, Laura Stillman \_X\_Los Altos, Xochitl Morales

\_X\_Los Altos, Michelle Rowe \_X\_Los Altos, Karen Metcalf

\_X\_ Los Altos, Tammy Keiser \_X\_Los Altos, Carmen Cervantes

\_X\_Los Altos/CR, Christina Mendoza \_X\_Lake Marie, Teresa Castelli

\_X\_Lake Marie, Karen Fuller \_X\_ Lake Marie, KImberly Matsuda

\_X\_McKibben, Irene Maehara \_X\_ McKibben, Carmen Ornelas \_X\_McKibben, Mary Hambright \_X\_McKibben, Lorena Martinez-Zavala

\_X\_McKibben, Carmen Ornelas \_X\_McKibben, Irene Maehara

\_X\_Carmela, Brittany Jaurigue \_X\_Carmela, Alexandra Patton

\_X\_Carmela, Elisabel Santos-Scott \_X\_Carmela, Lucilla Gutierrez

\_X\_ Carmela, Brittany Jaurigue \_X\_ Carmela, Debby Hebert

\_X\_Carmela, Eileen Chia \_X\_ Carmela, Sylvia Villasenor

\_X\_Carmela, Sylvia Bobluk \_X\_Monte Vista, Marjorie Codding

\_X\_GMS, Heather Esquivel \_X\_GMS, Britney Liu

\_X\_GMS, Brandon Mitsunaga \_X\_GMS, Odelisa Orellana

2.0  **Minutes:** The approval for the January 12, 2021 will be held off for approval until the next SWTA meeting.

3.0 **Treasurer’s Report:** Finishing up with transition paperwork. Current funds:

Checking: $26, 238.01 Savings: $6,661.22 Money Market: $4,144.72

Stipends did go out to the Executive Board members.

4.0 **Committee Reports:**

4.1 Membership: Jennifer Yanagi- No Report at this time.

4.2 Grievance: Lorenda Gonzales-No Report at this time.

4.3 Political/Legislative: Carlos- No Report at this time.

4.4 Organizing: Carlos- Membership was encouraged to attend the next district school board meeting because the blending of Los Altos and Monte Vista will be discussed.

4.5 Elections: Helia Adanto/Sheril Tolentino- Working on how to proceed with elections. The SWTA board members will be up for election so if anyone is interested in running, you need to let the membership know. Voting should take place April 2021.

4.6 Curriculum: Christine Thornton: No Report at this time.

4.7 PAC: Roxanne- Currently have $14, 081 in the account.

4.8 Evaluations: Belinda- Have not met yet this month.

5.0 **Old Business:**

5.1 Negotiations: Cheryl will be attending a meeting tomorrow, 02/10/21 and will be discussing the hybrid model. Currently spending a great deal of time discussing the current MOU. There is no date currently for returning to campus.

5.2 Enrollment: Some classes are over in the number of students and Carlos mentioned that the district wants him to sign another MOU. Carlos will address that if the numbers continue to rise then the district needs to hire another teacher.

5.3 Ten Minute Meetings: Please have these meetings and let Carlos know how many members attend and when the meeting will be held.

Members asked when we will be testing for Special Education. Carlos told the membership that there is still no answer.

6.0 **New Business:**

6.1 Reitrees: We were not able to do much for our 2020 retirees and may not be able to do anything for this year's retirees.

6.2 Conferences: They are free.

Discussion: Why are classes made into combo classes at one school and not another. The district should look at the numbers overall and plan then address it with the bargaining team. Cheryl asked for student totals in each classroom and put it in writing so the negotiating team could review it. Carlos would like to know how Dual Immersion is working in other districts and would have it at one school only be best. It is impacting teacher positions and members do not feel it is equitable.

7.0 **Site Concerns:**

Carmela: No concerns at this time.

GMS: Vaccination survey is lacking in some questions. What are the long term effects of distance learning on teachers; physical issues and fatigue. Starting to see lags in the computers-slow starts and people are dropped often.

Lake Marie: No concerns at this time.

Loma Vista: No concerns at this time.

Los Altos: No concerns at this time.

McKibben: No concerns at this time.

Monte Vista: No concerns at this time.

**Adjournment at 3:41 pm.**

The President's meeting with the Superintendent is the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Rep Council meeting will be March 09, 2021 @ 3 pm. Zoom link will be sent to members' email.

The minutes were submitted by Julee Abrahamson, SWTA Secretary