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OEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 11, 2003

OEA Executive Board Members present: Quintana, Visnick, Gorham, Miele, Rendon, Ough, Mandel, Balderston, Allen, Mordecai, Ellis, Traylor, Griffin, Turner, Wong

Absent: Swayne

CTA Staff: Ara Prigian

Members present: Mike Dunlap, Richard Dunn, Pam Brantley, Stella Collins

Call to Order 6:00pm

Before the agenda was moved a discussion commenced regarding meeting the needs of unit members that receive RIF notices. Ara Prigian answered questions. More information will be forthcoming.

Guest Presentation:

Mike Dunlap

Mike addressed the Board on joint union organizing.

LOCAL ORGANIZING PLAN

Internal Organizing

Reps must forward urgent information to all members. The OEA auto dialer only contacts Reps.

Meeting no objection, Sheila Quintana appointed the OEA Secretary to be the point person for message discipline. One message needed for crisis. All sub-messages at this time should be related to the primary message. The Secretary will also spearhead the OEA New Advocate Newsletter.

Ben Visnick presented a draft OEA/CTA Internal Communication Project with six main goals based around the main theme of "Keep Cuts Away From Direct Services To Students" and "No Education Recession."

The details of an Old Business motion from 2/6/03 (Visnick/Ellis) were proposed by Ben Visnick re-emphasizing the need for OEA to draft as a special project an Internal Communication Campaign funded by CTA. The proposal met no objection.

External Organizing

A memo from the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) to the OUSD Board of Education was presented. The memo delivered a scathing critique of the district's failure to prevent the current crisis and demanded the district to shoulder the responsibility, lessen the burden on teachers, and that district officials be punished for wrongdoing.

A memorandum was presented from Doug Bloch of ACORN. The memo pledged an alliance with OEA and identified joint concerns regarding budget cuts and their adverse effects on the children. The concerns listed were: Teacher layoffs, Teacher salaries, Increasing class sizes, Cuts to Security and Custodial staff, and Cuts to Counselors, and Early Childhood Development Centers.

Quintana spoke of the successful ESEA Community meeting.

Rally Mobilization Logistics

OUSD Board Meetings: 3/10, 3/12, 3/26/03.

“Building an Equitable Society” OCC Event, March 9, 2003.

“Corporate Wealth Rally,” 3/12/2003.

Rep Council Meeting, March 17.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1 (*Visnick/Allen*)

~~EE~~ That the OEA Executive Board support the letter of support from E.C.E. Executive Board Rep Relena Ellis, for the OCDPA Proposed Board Resolution to keep the E.C.E. Program under the Education Department and in the Oakland Public Schools.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #2 (*Rendon/Mandel*)

~~EE~~ That OEA provide flyers for all members and our students from 2nd – 12th grade, informing their parents of their right to waive the CAT 6 Test. The flyer will have a tear off portion on the bottom for the parents to turn in to their Principal.

Meeting no objections the motion was referred to the Assessment and Accountability Committee.

Motion #3 (*Rendon/Mandel*)

~~EE~~ That OEA endorse a District-wide boycott of the CAT 6 biased, norm-referenced standardized test. Members will not administer the CAT 6.

A motion was made to refer this to the Assessment and Accountability Committee. The motion passed.

Yes – Visnick, Gorham, Ough, Allen, Mordecai, Ellis, Traylor, Griffin, Turner, Wong.

No – Miele, Rendon, Mandel, Balderston.

Adjournment 7:45pm

Minutes

Tony Miele, Secretary ^①OEA