

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by President Julie Ames. Lonnie led us into the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Secretary Roll Call**-Chris Off called the roll and a voting quorum was established. 15/20 rep. council members were in attendance. These included: **Mary Jane Roberts, Mary Burton, Diana Freeman, Tom Rotunno, Dave Busch, Carolyn Johnson, Michael Kashdan, Mike Rainis, Dave Glick, Lonnie Howerton, Cheryl Stoltz, along with exec. board members Julie Ames, Marcia Garten, Loren Myhill and Chris Off.** Absent rep. council members included: **Maria Martinez, Monica Ramirez, John Hall, Martin Juarez and Beth Orlik.** Please bring new members to the next meeting April 13, 2015.

**2. Approve Minutes**- Copies of the minutes from the February 2, 2015 meeting were available for review and the minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Marcia Garten made available the monthly Treasurer's report. Marcia welcomes anyone to look at the financial books if they have questions at any time. The report was approved.

**4. Vice President Report:** Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 340 bargaining unit members including fee payers. There have been 2 early retirees.

**5. President's Report:** President Julie Ames

a) Bargaining Update-Julie informed the rep council that bargaining continues with compensation and health benefits not discussed yet. The OCSEA bargaining team consists of Julie Ames, Loren Myhill, Mary Burton, Allison Carey and John Wells. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OCDE and OCSEA titled Community Based Classrooms Article 10.1.2.1.2.1 was reviewed and Julie made a motion to approve said article. Mary Burton seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and mention was made that this is the same MOU as last year's except the dates have changed. This article references 3 hour dedicated para support if a community based classroom has more than 21 students in attendance. Loren mentioned if a teacher is in a situation where they have more than 21 students and need a 3 hr. para-please call Tony Gibson. The rep council voted for the MOU with 9 votes yes and 5 votes no. The motion to approve the MOU passed.

b) Climate Survey-John Wells reviewed the Climate survey results passed out at the meeting to the rep council, executive board and those members in attendance. Loren Myhill made a motion that the results of the Climate Survey not be released to administration and shared only with those rep council members, exec. board members and teachers that were in attendance at today's meeting. Dave Glick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was passed unanimously.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

a) Election Committee Update-John Wells stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

b) Special Ed Committee –nothing to report at this time.

c) ADA Committee-Loren stated that OCDE is projecting 804 less ADA capture rate by year's end. Discussion ensued and Loren mentioned that it is difficult to project out as all district's will be paying us differently based on ELLs, free lunches, and C funding to name a few. It was asked if negotiating smaller class sizes based on ADA would be a good idea.

d) Health Benefits Review Committee updates- Loren Myhill reported the health benefits review committee was cancelled. It was explained that there is a broker Allianz who is shopping now for health plans.

e) Calendar Committee- Diane Freeman met on Friday with Special Schools principals to finalize their calendar. Julie will ask Allison Carey for the other school calendars to review ASAP and send out to membership.

f) Grievance Committee-John Wells has represented one member re: lateral transfer and the grievance is not going to the next level.

g) Social Committee- Marcia Garten, Cheryl Stoltz, Beth Orlik, Ruth Ramirez, Patti Allen and Chris Off have researched the OCSEA family friendly event at Knottsberry Farm in May. Cheryl presented the questionnaire that will be sent out to the membership to survey interest in the event and get approximate numbers of attendees. Marcia Garten has secured a date for the event of May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015-Saturday which would include a spouse/significant other, children and or grandchildren. Discussion ensued. Cheryl Stoltz made a motion to authorize a nonrefundable \$1,000 deposit for the OCSEA Family event at Knottsberry Farm for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Marcia Garten seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 Yes, 3 No and 1 abstaining.

h) Retirement Recognition-Julie will provide the names to Chris Off of retirees to send cards and pins to.

h) Membership report-Thank you Lonnie Howerton for providing a sympathy card to our member Jodean Riley upon the death of her husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jodean from your OCSEA family.

**7. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SIGN UPS** as of March 9, 2015 Conferences-Please notify Loren of interest and sign up once approved if spots are open. Provide Marcia with registration confirmation so she can pay out. Please provide her with receipts in a timely manner. Please email Julie if you are attending the Good Teaching Conference. There are 2 spots open.

1. Good Teaching Conference- South –March 20-22, 2015 Sheraton Hotel and Marina, San Diego

1. Michelle Moran
2. Beth Orlik
3. Rafael Nguyen
4. Julie Ames
5. Cheryl Stoltz
6. Dianne Freeman
7. Chris Off
8. Mary Burton

2. President's Conference-July 16-19, 2015 Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

Conference Share outs- Mary Jane Roberts shared out there was great information at the Good teaching Conference-North in San Jose that was very applicable to teachers-nothing political.

### **8. Old Business:**

a) Dave Glick reviewed his proposal re: a website/forum/blog for OCSE through iCanvas-an Irvine based company. It will cost \$1,000 which will include surveys and trainings for the webmasters. It would be a closed secure system with a user name and CTA teacher password to get on. A teacher could comment to meeting notes or start different threads. Dave Glick made a motion to ask OCSEA to pay \$1,000 to iCanvas to construct a website/forum/survey site for membership. Cheryl Stoltz seconded the motion. Discussion ensued as to the pros and cons. A vote was taken with 5 yes, 6 No and 2 abstaining. The motion did not pass.

b) Retirement Survey-Lonnie Howerton compiled ideas about looking at retirement initiatives and passed out suggestions for members to look at retirement as a highly significant individual decision that is unique to each teacher. Lonnie made a motion that the OCSEA representative council vote to instruct our bargaining team to vigorously pursue major retirement incentives in these ongoing bargaining sessions. Tom Rotunno seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

c) PAC Exploration Committee-this will be brought up at the next meeting as the group ran out of time to discuss.

Thanks to Julie for March snacks- Ruth volunteered to provide snacks April through June.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting \*April 13, 2015 @ 3:30 at 281 North Rampart St. Suite A., Orange, CA 92868

*Meetings for the rest of year 2015- May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015- please mark your calendars.*