



Advocating for the Public Education ALL Students Deserve

Rep Council Agenda

September 26, 2017 @ 3:30 Jepson Library (if you arrive prior to 3:30, please go to E20 to wait- right across from E-Hall)

- 1) Approval of the minutes
- 2) Approval of the agenda
- 3) President's report -Tracy Begley
One-on-One Conversations with members
- 4) Treasurer's report -Brenda Hensley
- 5) Committee/Chair reports
 - Action: Corey Penrose
 - Bargaining: Brenda Hensley
 - Grievance: Lisa Cusi & Megan Morris
 - Equity Team: Alyson Brauning
 - Health Care: Jenny Brown
 - Labor Council: Corey Penrose
 - Member Engagement: Alyson Brauning
 - PAC: Corey Penrose
 - Special Ed: **Open**
 - Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship: Christine Williams
 - Membership: **Open**
 - Elections: **Open**
- 6)- New business
- 7) – Conference reports
- 8) - Other
- 9) – Adjournment

VTA Rep Council
Written Report
DATE: Sept. 26, 2017

Committee Name: President's Report

Chair: Tracy Begley

Questions, please contact chair at: skiptracyavery@sbcglobal.net

Summary:

Recent Issues to be discussed at Rep Council

Evaluation: timeline (20 instructional days from start of school yr) to notify of evaluation and notified who the evaluator is (*contract 10.4*)

Elementary Directors are at large and not assigned to specific sites. Our Directors are Mike Ensley, Norma Guerrero, Jaxie Murray, Sylvia Shepard and Cheryl Vito. We hope to add 2 more after this election.

Discuss possible goals and objectives for this year.

Importance of One-on-One Conversations, short introduction/training

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Committee Name: Equity Team

Committee Members: Trisha Cowen, Maya Wildgoose, Sofia Calderon, Erin Gordon, Linda Nance

Chair: Alyson Brauning

Questions, please contact chair at: Alyson Brauning

Summary:

2018 CTA Human Rights Awards Program

ORGANIZATION AWARD CATEGORIES

CTA Chapter Human Rights Award

CA Service Center Council Human Rights Award

INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORIES

American Indian/Alaska Native Human Rights Award in Honor of Jim Clark

César Chávez “Si Se Puede” Human Rights Award

CTA Member Human Rights Award

CTA Peace and Justice Human Rights Award

Human Rights Award in Honor of Lois Tinson

Leadership in Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Award in Honor of Nancy Bailey

Pacific Asian American Human Rights Award

Physically/Mentally Challenges Students’ Issues Human Rights Award

Women’s Issues Human Rights Award

Presentation of the 2018 Human Rights Awards will be made at the
Equity and Human Rights Conference Luncheon on March 3, 2018

ALL award nominations must be submitted online at

<http://www.cta.org/HRNominationform> on or before January 8, 2018

For more specific information about the CTA Human Rights Awards program, email

humanrightsawards@cta.org or go online to www.cta.org

You can also contact your Redwood Service Center Vice Chair, Alyson Brauning @

abserenity1@gmail.com

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Committee Name: Membership

Chair: **Open**

Questions, please contact chair at: Tracy Begley skiptracyavery@sbcglobal.net

Summary:

Membership is 595 strong.

Membership cards will be handed out. Please distribute to members at your site.

Instructions on how to do this, will be given out at rep council with cards

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Committee Name: Action

Chair: **Corey Penrose**

Questions, please contact chair at: Corey Penrose

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Capitol News

California Teachers Association Website CTA on Facebook @WeAreCTA on Twitter

Your connection to political happenings in Sacramento

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AS SESSION ADJOURNS FOR 2017

This was another interesting year in Sacramento followed by an election that led to a lot of uncertainty—uncertainty in terms of federal funding, politically-charged mandates about jeopardizing the integrity of our immigrant families and communities, and the list goes on.

One thing that was very clear, was that CTA remained the strong organization it is because of the strength of its 325,000 members standing together from north to south and east to west. We faced legislative attacks, passed good policies that help ensure each student receives the public education they need and deserve, and were also able to kill bills that would have been detrimental to our students and their education.

In the coming weeks, you'll be able to take a more complete look at the list of bills. For now, here's a brief snapshot as the Legislature adjourns for 2017.

HEADED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS SIGNATURE

AB 699 by Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell

CTA co-sponsored AB 699 protects students in our public schools ensuring school districts are adopting and monitoring anti-bullying procedures and policies (including immigration status), not collecting information regarding citizenship from students or

families, and adopting policy modeled by the California Attorney General limiting assistance with immigration enforcement to ensure our students remain safe.

AB 1360 by Assembly Member Rob Bonta

CTA co-sponsored AB 1360 ensures all students will have equal access to all schools by prohibiting charter schools from setting any admissions preferences that would limit the enrollment of students with disabilities, English learners, low-income children or students of color. Any admissions preference would have to adhere to the California constitution and federal law, and must be approved by the charter school at a public hearing. Charter schools would be prohibited from requiring parental volunteer hours as criteria for admission. And all students will have due process when facing disciplinary action such as suspension or expulsion.

AB 45 by Assembly Member Tony Thurmond

CTA co-sponsored AB 45 is a key bill that provides financial assistance to school districts to offer affordable housing so that school employees can live in the communities in which they work. This will be key in attracting and retaining educators in the face of the critical teacher shortage.

SB 751 by Senators Jerry Hill & Steve Glazer;

Coauthors Assembly Members Patrick O'Donnell & Adam Gray

Passage of SB 751 represents the culmination of a long debate about school district reserves and the need to impose a cap. CTA supports the bill after ensuring it was amended to change the local reserve cap to 10 percent (except for basic aid and small school districts). These amendments reflect the shared values of providing California's students educational resources while reserving some for unexpected circumstances.

BILLS STALLED

AB 1217 by Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra & Senator Anthony Portantino

CTA-opposed AB 1217 is NOT going forward after much great lobbying and ground work, phone calls, emails, action on social media and coalition work. AB 1217 would create a private STEM school with public funds, provides NO AUTHORITY TO SHUT DOWN THE SCHOOL, even if the school breaks the law by charging money or weeding out certain children or families, COMPROMISES LOCAL CONTROL which we've been working so hard on to make sure the students in our community get the education they need, and would set a DESTRUCTIVE PRECEDENT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

SB 328 by Senator Anthony Portantino

CTA-opposed SB 328 requires the school day for middle schools and high schools to begin no later than 8:30 a.m. School start times should be decided at the local level and include community input. Local leaders, with this input, are best prepared to make these decisions that will best meet the needs of the students. SB 328 did not get the votes it needed to clear the Assembly.

AB 1220 by Assembly Member Shirley Weber

CTA-opposed AB 1220 extends the probationary periods for educators from two years to three years, does not provide due process, and does not include support in years one or two of the probationary period, but only in year three. It also calls for setting up yet another unproven process in school districts, an Individualized Improvement Plan (IIP) for educators. Instead, we should build on what has been working in many districts and already exists in state law, and that is Peer Assistance and Review (PAR).

AB 1164 by Assembly Member Tony Thurmond

CTA-supported AB 1164 extends the probationary period to three years while ensuring the employer provides written notice to the employee with specific reasons on what needs improvement in the third year; employer refers employee to Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Program that has been collectively bargained, for purpose of coaching and professional development; and that the credentialed employee has participated in beginning teacher support and assessment program during first two years (if employee does not have clear credential). There are also provisions of the bill that include adding due process protections to the third year while allowing the Union and employer to bargain an alternative process.

Two other charter school bills seeking to ensure transparency, accountability and equity in charter schools will continue to make their way through the legislative process next year.

CTA co-sponsored AB 1478 by Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer ensures transparency by requiring entities managing charter schools are subject to the Brown Act (open meetings), Public Records Act (open books), and two laws preventing conflicts of interest: Political Reform Act and Government Code 1090.

CTA co-sponsored SB 808 by Senator Tony Mendoza requires that all charter school petitions must be approved by the school board of the school district in which they reside.

On behalf of the officers, the CTA Board of Directors and everyone at CTA, we thank those for participating by making phone calls, sending emails, writing postcards, tweeting, posting on Facebook, etc. Every voice counts and makes a difference!

Article on New Charter School –Elite Public Schools (Solano Co.)

<http://www.timesheraldonline.com/social-affairs/20170918/former-superintendent-eyes-creation-of-charter-school-network>

