**September 2017 President’s Communication**

**Dear Members,**

**I hope you are all enjoyed the 3 day weekend (thank you Labor Movement, I am very grateful!)**

**Few things/updates:**

**Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 5 at 7pm @ the PAC is the Special Board Meeting in which Cheryl's replacement will be appointed.  here is some information:**

 **1. the informational PowerPoint each candidate was shown -**

[**https://www.duarteusd.org/cms/lib/CA01900906/Centricity/Domain/4/Board%20Candidate%20Info%20Mtg.pdf**](https://www.duarteusd.org/cms/lib/CA01900906/Centricity/Domain/4/Board%20Candidate%20Info%20Mtg.pdf)

**2. the candidates**: **Lupe Valerio (our endorsed candidates defeated her in the last election), Jody Schulz, Evelyn Gonzalez, Shelby Wagner, Luz Serna, Marisol Martinez-Garcia, Rosalie Zesati, Theresa Benson-Mathenia, James Finlay (former Mayor, Margaret Finley's son), and Dr. Irene Murray.**

**3. the Board Agenda for the meeting tomorrow -**

[**http://agendaonline.net/public/Meeting.aspx?AgencyID=1258&MeetingID=50946&AgencyTypeID=1&IsArchived=False**](http://agendaonline.net/public/Meeting.aspx?AgencyID=1258&MeetingID=50946&AgencyTypeID=1&IsArchived=False)

**Negotiations- Exec Board voted to continue with Interest Based Bargaining and the District agreed to pay 100% of the facilitator cost (most District do). Our facilitator remains Debbie Collins who comes highly recommended from our CTA Rep., Jackie, and the 3 members of last year's team. Looks like the first date at the table will be Tuesday, September 26th. As soon as all the dates are solidified I will email them out to everyone. We are eager to start!**

**Tracy and I attended Service Center One's Coordinated**

**Bargaining last Wednesday which had a great turnout and provided us with state budget information, new legislation and article language to add to our CBA (new member orientation, discipline/restorative justice and pregnancy leave). We also got bargaining updates and the most current salary settlements in our Service Center. Through updates from our Service Center Office, we are able keep in contact with our neighboring locals, lend support if called upon and vice versa.**

**Open DUEA Offices- The deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for VP, Secretary & Middle School Director is this Wednesday, September 6, 3pm to Cecelia Milano at Royal Oaks.**

**10 Minute Meeting- Your site Reps./Directors either will be hosting a 10 min. meeting soon or just did. Please attend these and voice your concerns. We are currently addressing the following: eliminating unwanted critters, employees needing gate & cabinet keys, copy amount increased, being class size overage, campus safety, summer training pay, confusion over the calendar, being videotaped without permission, voting on department heads for middle school, inequitable distribution of classes...**

**Our grievance team meets tomorrow and I meet with Rick this week as well. Most issues are being handled at the site level or with a call to the correct department.**

**New members- your CTA cards will be arriving soon!**

**Post Labor Day Picnic- Please RSVP using the Google Form I sent out if you are attending the SCOne bbq/picnic NEXT Saturday. 11am -2pm San Dimas Canyon Park. Family Friendly! Games, Prizes, lots of food and a SnoCone truck!**

**Conference- The "Nuts & Bolts" conference is a very inexpensive cost to DUEA, super informative and a great opportunity to network and learn all sorts of valuable information. Plus it gives you free breakfast and lunch, the chance to talk with legislators, many workshop choices, free parking and 1 free LA County Fair ticket. Let me know if you would like to attend (if you have not already done so)..**

**Service Center One “Nuts & Bolts Fall Leadership Conference**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**Registration: 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.**

**Legislative Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lunch Keynote Speaker:**

**Dr. Gary Rapkin**

**Retired Superintendent of Bonita Unified School District**

**& Education Leadership Expert**

**Sheraton Fairplex, Conference Center**

**601 West McKinley Ave.**

**Pomona, CA 91768**

**Workshops include:**

**Basic Site Representative Training**

**Grievance Training**

**Retirement (STRS)**

**Laws Regarding Students Behavior (SB 607)**

**Traditional vs. IBB Bargaining**

**The New Public Records Act & Other Legal Issues Impacting Teachers**

**Contract Maintenance**

**Special Education Q&A**

**Elections and the Local**

**Building an Equity Team**

**State Budget Update**

**Applying for the Institute for Teaching Grant**

**\*Subject to Change**

**AND Finally---   IMPORTANT DATES –**

 **Exec. Board: Monday, September 11 @ 3:15pm**

 **Rep Council @ 3:15 pm, Thursday, Sept. 14    ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

**School Board, Thursday, September 14 @ 7pm**