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Together, We Did!

By Janet MacMillan, MVEA President

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Thanks to the hard work of many of its members, MVEA was successful in electing its recommended candidates, Rick Sayre and Tracey Vackar, to the MVUSD School Board.

Heather Gardner and Anne Prows led Political Action Committee members Chuck Gahagan, Katherine Underwood, Janet MacMillan and Ann Adler in outlining and organizing a campaign that included hard work and fun.

Thank you to our members for putting up signs, making phone calls to voters, stuffing envelopes and walking precincts:

A special thanks to Executive Board members who were at the office to support those calling and walking: Connie Pruett, Peggy Murphy, Tom Weir, Andrea Chouinard, Tim Hampton, Mike Sorter, Juanita Quiroz, Jose Alcala, Katherine Underwood, Heather Gardner, Cathy Fulgenzi, Harold Acord and Danny Alvarez.

Ann Adler, our MVEA Executive Director, motivated leadership and volunteers to keep working until election day. She and Tom Weir, the MVEA Treasurer, made sure that paperwork was organized and required reports were submitted.

Working together, we DID achieve our goals!

Final Results:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Vote Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Tracey B. Vackar	13,069 votes	33.16%
Rick Sayre	8,800 votes	22.33%
Francisco Sanchez	5,360 votes	13.60%
David Marquez	5,061 votes	12.84%
D. LaDonna Jempson	3,788 votes	9.61%
George F. Schoelles	3,329 votes	8.45%
Total	39,407	100.00%

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From Bad to Catastrophic— A State Budget to Live Without!

By Ann Adler, Executive Director

At this point, it is anybody's guess what is going to happen with the State Budget, especially as it impacts public schools.

As the dismal saga continues, you will recall that in September, when the Governor signed the 2008-09 budget the state had a projected reserve of \$1.7 billion. Less than two months later, the projection is a short fall of \$10.7 billion. The Governor has called a special session of the Legislature to address the General Fund revenue shortfall of \$11.2 billion. This is a combination of the 2007-08 shortfall of \$567 million and the projected shortfall of \$10.7 billion for the 2009-10 budget year. These shortfalls are due to a continuing downturn in the world, national, and state economies. For the state, unless major changes are made, these shortfalls are predicted for at least the next four years.

The Governor believes that these shortfalls must be addressed before November 30 in order to prevent a state cash flow crisis that would jeopardize vital state services. Due to computer and other logistics, the legislature must actually be done by November 23, 2008, or recess until the new Legislature is seated in January.

The way it works is this: The Governor makes his proposal to the Legislature and then the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) analyzes the impact of the proposal and makes suggestions of its own. Then the Legislature goes to work on actual legislation. All the scenarios are bad, possibly even catastrophic, to K-14 public education.

Governor's Proposals which Total \$4.7 Billion in New Revenue Over Time

Proposal	Anticipated Revenue
1 ½ cent sales tax increase for a period of 3 years	\$3.54 billion
9.9% oil severance tax	\$530 million
Expand sales tax to certain services (such as golf fees, entertainment parks, veterinary services, vehicle repair, sporting events, furniture and appliance repair)	\$357 million
5 cent alcohol drink tax for beer, wine, and spirits	\$293 million

The Governor's Proposals to Public Education to Help Balance the Budget

- Reduce the Prop 98 amount to schools by \$2.5 billion
- Provide school districts with nearly complete flexibility on their categorical funds for 2 years
- Provide districts other flexibility for 2 years to reduce reserves for economic uncertainty in half, reduce routine maintenance reserves from 3 to 2%, and suspend the deferred maintenance state match.

The effect of these proposals, if implemented, results in the loss of the .68% cost of living (COLA) districts expected to receive this year and a minimum of \$367 less money per student or average daily attendance (ADA). *This is in addition to the \$3 billion that schools were cut last year and if the Governor's taxes are not approved (or revenue of some kind is not found), the \$367 could grow substantially.*



What Does This Mean to MVUSD?

Using the Governor's proposal of a \$367 reduction per ADA, the District would have to cut another \$5-7 million MIDYEAR. Again, this reduction is in addition to the cuts made last year - \$3 billion statewide. In MVUSD, permanent subs were cut, counseling positions lost, temporary employees non-renewed, classified positions frozen or reduced, and site allocations were reduced. In addition, MVUSD must fulfill its state requirement of a solvent three year projection. Projections right now for COLA revenue are 0% retroactively for 2008-09, 0% COLA in 2009-10 (estimated), and a 3.5% COLA (estimated) in 2010-11. That means spending down the reserves and hoping for some new revenue in 2010-11, and the 3.5% COLA that allegedly will appear. It means things are NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL!

What Can You NOT Afford to Do?

- Ignore this any longer!!! While these are merely proposals, they warn us of the dire economic situation that surrounds us.
- Hope it will go away. (It won't. The state and the nation are in poor financial shape, and it is going to hit us all, as citizens and as educators.) Our community and students will also feel the impact. It is inevitable.
- Make large expenditures without serious evaluation of your financial situation. (This is true for the District as well. Adding or expanding programs is simply not an economic option.)

What CAN You Do?

- Save for a rainy day and **spend sparingly/only as needed** and with careful thought for now. (This is true of MVUSD as well.)
- **Write or call your legislator** and give the message that any more cuts to schools are unreasonable and make the goals of the AYP and API even more difficult to obtain. (Go to www.cta.org, click on "Take Action: Email Your Lawmaker" in the top center section of the page.)
- Participate in the Site Budget Committee at your site and give suggestions on the form sent to you in the InBetween or on page 5 in this Advocate newsletter.
- Stifle rumors. Nothing has been decided about any programs or positions yet, so please do not propagate rumors based on supposition and no data.
- Weave the economic realities of California into the curriculum as possible so that your students have an understanding of the history we live in. Suggest they discuss today's economics with their parents as well.

Educator of the Month: Sandra Henderson

Sandra Henderson was MVEA's Educator of the Month for October. Both the 23rd District PTA and the MVUSD recognized her as Teacher of the Year in 2006.

Sandra's career includes experience with both special education and general education programs. She is well trained in strategies that she uses daily to make the curriculum understandable to all her fourth grade students, especially those who need a little extra help. In her classroom, students learn the subject matter by reading a little, talking a little, manipulating materials and incorporating concepts with the visual and performing arts. Sandra is enthusiastic about the learning process and that enthusiasm spreads to her students. She convinces each of them that they are successful learners and she acknowledges the milestones each of them reaches.



Sandra extends learning beyond the classroom by encouraging her students to give to the community. She has organized the Ridge Crest Community Helpers - a group that includes her mother as a regular classroom volunteer, the Ridge Crest Student Council, the Penny Drive for Leukemia, the Relay for Life walkers for cancer research, and Jump Rope for Heart. Her students learn responsibility and the joy of giving through these activities.

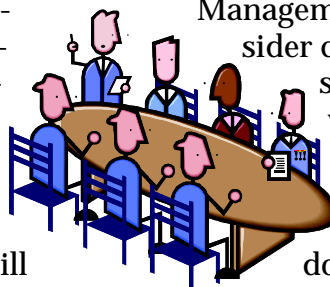
Sandra reaches out to her peers by serving on site committees such as the PTA, District Math Subject Advisory, and the school leadership team.

Sandra has a life away from school. She lives in Moreno Valley with her husband and is interested in community news. She takes time to add to her collection of willow tree statues and is a huge fan of the San Diego Chargers. Congratulations Sandra!

Site Budget Committees

By Janet MacMillan, MVEA President

The focus of the collaborative work of MVEA, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Association of Moreno Valley Management Personnel (AMVMP) and the District office administration is to balance the District budget in light of eminent mid-year reductions in state funding which will continue into the 2009-2010 academic year.



This year, the CSEA/AMVMP/MVEA/Management (Camm) committee will consider cuts recommended by the required site Budget Committees. Find out who is on your Budget Committee, when it meets, and how you can have input into the committee's deliberations. Call MVEA if your site does not have a Budget Committee. A site Budget Committee is required in our contract.

MVEA BUDGET REDUCTION SUGGESTIONS

Due to the State's budget crisis all site budget committees need to meet and analyze the site budget to determine if there are areas such as ADA where income might be increased or if there are areas in which expenditures could be cut. Please record information from your site budget committee on the form below and return it to the MVEA office so your ideas can be shared at CAMM and JFMC.

Data utilized in the committee's decision making:

Budget Reduction Suggestions

Estimated Savings

What are the effects of implementing the above suggestions?

School Site:

Committee Meeting Dates:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Individual:

Questions/concerns to be addressed at CAMM and/or JFMC

21 Rules to Success

By Anthony Robbins, American Self-help Writer and Professional Speaker

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you," mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.
6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slowly but think quickly.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
15. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
16. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
17. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.
18. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
19. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
20. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
21. Spend some time alone.



Thank You MVEA Members!

Thank you to our members for putting up signs, making phone calls to voters, stuffing envelopes and walking precincts to help get the MVEA endorsed school board candidates elected:

Agnes Rohde	Debra Craig	Kathleen Ayala	Peggy Murphy
Andrea Chouinard	Denise Files	Kelli Connor	Renee Richards
Angelica Ruiz	Desiree Bray	Laura Brough	Renee Richardson
Ann Adler	Diana Gama	Laurie Wolfe	Rick Sayre
Anne Prows	Ebbie Dodson	Linda Crist	Rosina Gama
Anthony Lopez	Eileen O'Brien	Linda Florio	Ruben Goussen
Barbara Sabatini	Eleanor Holm	Linda Prows	Sandra Hernandez
Bernice Johnson	Erica Downey	Linda Quin	Sandra Rodriguez
Bertha Thigpen	Erica Ness	Linda Williams	Sharon Orme
Bill Kalagonis	Erik Drake	Lorna Peacock	Stacey Larma
Brenda Lepke	Felicia Heck	Martha Marchant	Stacey Lerma
Bruce Smith	Fred Jorgenson	Martha Monteon	Sue Boyles
Carol Von Mizener	Freda Meadows	Martha Peyton	Susan Cabrera
Cathy Fulgenzi	Harold Acord	Mary Ruhter	Susan Mares
Cathy Hahn	Heather Gardner	Mary Stafford	Susan Young
Cathy Harker	Janet MacMillan	Michele Sanchez-Capriotti	Theresa Carson
Cathy Sutfin	Jean Marie Puailihau	Michelle Feld	Tim Hampton
Cheryl Wagner	Jennifer Avery	Mike Millsbaugh	Tom Weir
Christopher Farias	Jennifer Covington	Mike Sorter	Tracey Vackar
Chuck Gahagan	Jim MacMillan	Mona Talamontes	Traci Goodrich
Cindy Schyling	JoAnn Gillespie	Nancy Noller	Verona Bedrous
Clement Young	Jose Alcala	Nancy Willis	Veronica Herrera
Connie Pruet	Jose Vizcarra	Nellie Castilloveitia	Verselle Dixon
Cynthia Shortman	Juanita Quiroz	Omar Tinoco	Victoria Johnston
Danny Alvarez	Judy Ball	Pat Fulgenzi	Wendy Stieg
Dawn Morrison	Karen Ott	Pat Marlow	
Deanna Hendricksen	Katherine Underwood	Paulette McDole	

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*Moreno Valley Educators Association is an organization of professionals which serves as a powerful **voice** communicating the needs of Educators and students to the district, parents, and community in order to establish a **positive** school environment and build **quality educational programs**.*

*The Association will continue to **protect the rights** of Educators, and thereby students, **by promoting equity and human rights**.*

Important Dates:

- **Dec. 3** Exec. Board mtg.
4:00
- **Dec. 5** MVEA Holiday Social at Caliente 4-7 p.m.
Bring your friends and celebrate!
- **Dec. 9** School Board mtg.
7:00
- **Dec. 10** Rep. Council mtg.
4:00
- **Dec. 20-Jan. 11**
Winter Break
Enjoy your time with your family!
- **Jan. 12** Back to Work

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3  Exec Bd mtg 4pm	4	5 MVEA Holiday Soc. @ Caliente 4-7 	6
7	8	9 School Board 7pm	10  Rep Council 4pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Winter Break
21 	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25  Merry Christmas	26  Winter Break	27 Winter Break
28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break			

MVEA Executive Board:

President	Janet MacMillan	Co-Director of Elementary	Andrea Chouinard
Vice-President	Connie Pruett	Co-Director of Elementary	Tim Hampton
Secretary	Peggy Murphy	Director of Middle School	Mike Sorter
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