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Special Edition

From: Marilyn Miller

Vice President - Acting President with regard to the election of President

Dear Members,

The FMEA executive board met on Monday, May 17, to discuss, among other things, the challenges brought to and investigated by the FMEA Elections Committee. There were three formal challenges. They alleged that the following FMEA bylaws were not followed in the recent election:

VI, 1 *"Each member shall receive a ballot"*

VI, 4, a *"Active members who are off-track or on a dues paying leave shall be notified by mail in order to provide them with an opportunity to vote."* Not all teachers on leave received a ballot in the mail, and some were not made aware of the election and were not provided an opportunity to vote.

Since the vote for President was so close, the Executive Board, under my direction and without Scott's presence, voted to hold a re-election for the office of President only. This election will be held at your sites next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 25-27. If your rep is unable to find you, please find her/him during this time to make sure you get a voice in this very close race.

If you have any questions, please talk to your rep or contact me at mmiller369@comcast.net

Thank you in advance for your time.

Marilyn Miller

Vice President

Franklin School

Teacher of the Year

Each spring, teachers are asked to take a look at their colleagues and choose just one to represent their site as the Teacher of the Year. The following wonderful, hard-working, dedicated individuals are the teachers that each site has chosen as Teachers of the Year 2010:

Lynette Irvine - Dahl

Debra Matthews - Fair

Rachel Witmeyer - Franklin

Lynda Holt - Hellyer

Eugenia Arroyo - Kennedy

Christi Bantz - Meadows

Suzanne Field - Los Arboles

Maria Rivers - McKinley

Rosalee Sanborn - Ramblewood

Cindy Schroyer - Santee

Kathy Smith - Seven Trees

Clara Cordes - Shirakawa

Paulette Little - Stonegate

Jan White - Success

Barbara Secola - Sylvandale

Congratulations to all of these fantastic teachers! Keep doing all the wonderful things you do... you definitely make a difference!

Great Job Everyone!

An anonymous letter submitted to the paper

The school district needs to look into cutting the hours of the Management before cutting the hours of the lower paid employees since the classified employees are cut to the barebones already and they are indispensable for the safety and well-being of each school. The secretaries and lead teachers know many skills and fill in for the administrators many times when they are not around.

We are a family and when a family goes without usually parents are the ones that will sacrifice first before sacrificing their children and their most vulnerable ones (their babies). It seems that our district is trying to do the opposite.

WHO Award:

Congratulations to Bargaining Chair Bevon Martinez. Bevon is this year's recipient of FMEA's We Honor Ours (WHO) award for her tireless dedication to our union.