Contract Ratified by Membership; Approved by Board

MHFT members voted 259 - 15 to ratify the Tentative Agreements. The MHUSD Board of Trustees subsequently voted unanimously to approve the new contract. Teachers can expect to see their pay increases in their April 30 paycheck, with retroactive pay and a one-time stipend to be paid in a special check in mid-May.

MHFT Officer Elections

Nominations for MHFT officer positions (2017–2019) were opened at the April 12 General Meeting. The following people were nominated:

President
Gemma Abels

Vice President, Elementary
Teresa Colbert (Barrett)

Vice President, Secondary
Andrea Kusanovich (Sobrato)

Vice President, At-Large
Darcy Foster (Live Oak)
Chris Mink (P.A. Walsh)

Secretary
Zann Yates (Sobrato)

Treasurer
Lori Shoemaker (Walsh)

Voting will take place at school sites this Thursday and Friday, April 27 - 28.

MHUSD Retirement Celebration
Thursday, May 4

Congratulations to our 2017 retirees, who will be recognized on May 4 at the Community & Cultural Center (Monterey at Dunne):

Dan Scudero, PE – Martin Murphy
Diane (Lynn) Briones, Kinder – P.A.Walsh
Jim Hemeon, Biology – Live Oak
Marilyn Chong, SPED – Martin Murphy
Lisa Clark, Kinder – Nordstrom
Angela Hayes, Kinder – JAMM
Lourdes Robledo, 2nd Grade – San Martin-Gwinn
Debbie Tawney, 4th Grade – El Toro
Tom Sumpter, PE/ASB – Live Oak
Bill Robinson, Chemistry – Live Oak
Heather Wallace, SPED – Martin Murphy
Lucia Bonnaud, SPED – San Martin
Tracy Murphy, Social Studies – Sobrato

All employees are welcome to attend this celebration.

May Day March & Rally
International Day of the Worker
Monday, May 1

Unions and community organizations across the country are organizing for May Day. Protecting public education will be a major theme at this year’s May Day celebrations. MHFT is helping to organize volunteers and teach-ins at public schools throughout the Bay Area.

We will be asking May Day participants throughout Santa Clara County to sign the pledge to support public education on May Day. Please sign the pledge before May 1: https://actionnetwork.org/forms/take-the-pledge-a-call-to-action-for-the-public-education-all-californias-students-deserve

The Morgan Hill Teacher is edited by Jeanie Wallace, who teaches at Sobrato and is a past MHFT Staff Rep.
Representing MHFT at the CFT convention this year were Gemma Abels, Lori Shoemaker, Francisco Gil, Andrea Kusanovich, Nancy Altman, and Joanne Markowska.

At the convention, MHFT President Gemma Abels was elected one of 24 CFT Vice Presidents.

Legislative Update
One highlight of the CFT Convention is always the legislative update. This year, we learned about several bills dealing with K-12 Education that CFT is sponsoring/co-sponsoring:

- AB 406 (MCarty) - prohibits for-profit CMOs from operating charter schools in CA
- AB 410 (Cervantes) - prohibits fees for induction programs
- AB 568 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) - requires six weeks of paid leave for female employees during pregnancy & recovery from childbirth
- AB1029 (Weber)- adds Community Schools Coordinator, Restorative Justice Practitioner, and/or Mental Health Professional to school safety planning committees
- AB45 (Thurmond) - California School Housing Assistance Program, provides affordable rental housing for school employees.

2nd Annual MHFT Friends & Family Festival
A huge thank you to event organizers Lori Shoemaker, Francisco Gil, Joanne Markowska, and Heather Anderson. A great time was had by the close to 350 people who participated this year.

Activity booths hosted by our teachers:
- Bubbles and Bean Bags
- Whiffle Ball Tic-Tac-Toe
- Native American Art / Game Project
- Mini Cheer Camp
- Earth Day Activities
- Crown-making

2017 Teachers of the Year
Congratulations to Jen Klem-Myers (Barrett), who was selected by MHFT Executive Council as Morgan Hill Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations also to the following site Teachers of the Year:
- Britton: Kristina Peterson Carr
- Central: Eddie Yoon
- El Toro: Kathy Corcoran
- Jackson Academy of Math & Music: Ellyn Perez
- Live Oak: Martha Stawarz
- Los Paseos: Kate Parsons
- Martin Murphy: Dan Scudero
- Nordstrom: Lisa Clark
- Paradise Valley: Johanna Miller
- PA Walsh: Terri Muscutel
- San Martin-Gwinn: Jose Anaya
- Sobrato: Heather Rottenborn

All of our Teachers of the Year were nominated by their teaching colleagues, and were honored at the Friends & Family Festival. They will also be honored at the May 16 school board meeting. As our district Teacher of the Year, Jen will also be honored at a countywide celebration in the fall.
9Round Kickboxing Fitness
Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8 -12
Take them up on their offer to work out for the week. They are also opening a package membership for teachers.