



March AMU Updates

Immigration Workshops

Parent coordinators across our campuses are reaching out and working with various legal aid groups to provide workshops for parents concerned with changes in federal immigration policy. If this is not happening at your campus, consider reaching out and supporting your parent coordinator with providing these workshops to our parents. The Asian Americans Advancing Justice legal organization is happy to help set up a workshop at your site! They actually want to do this to unload the burden placed on beacon immigrant rights organizations like MALDEF, CHIRLA, or CARECEN, as they are swamped with work. This would be a great AMU-ACEA collaboration project at your site, as our parent coordinators are ACEA members and have connections with your site's parent community. Message them at: www.advancingjustice-la.org/contact. At some of our schools, aside from workshops, they are setting up an info booth during parent conferences.

AMU STEM & Social Justice Scholarships

AMU will be offering two scholarships at \$1,500 each to two college bound GD seniors who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in STEM fields or a career driven by community work and social justice. Applications were sent to ALL GD teachers and counselors, so please get the word out and help our students apply! The scholarship can be applied towards tuition at a 2 year or 4 year institution and is open to ALL students (documented, undocumented, DACAmented). All applications must be received to the address indicated on the applications by April 17th, 2017.

AMU Listening Campaign

For the month of March, AMU will be kicking off a listening campaign to ensure the work we do as a Union is driven by your concerns and visions for our profession and our work at our schools. Our reps will be hosting small group meetings where they will listen to the barriers you face in making the impact you wish to make as an educator or counselor. We will then take this qualitative information, create a narrative that communicates what our members care about, and share it in April. We will then continually seek your feedback to refine our work and our goals, so we are an organization driven from the ground up, and not top down!

Sanctuary Resolution Update

Our resolution is up for a vote on March 29th by GDPSC board Executive Committee. AMU is hoping to have GDPSC reaffirm its commitment to ALL our students and their families by affirming settled case law that makes our schools safe spaces and safe from ICE raids and actions. We will not accept federal actions on our school grounds that will have a chilling effect on student enrollment, student attendance, and parent participation at our schools. If you want to speak in favor of our resolution to the board, please email our president at: President@amuanimo.org

Evaluation Committee Update

The Eval Committee has been working on simplifying and making the IGC process of our evaluation more meaningful, including compliance as an evaluation metric for our SPED teachers, and reviewing 360 rubric language to identify areas in which effective or highly effective scores are tied with taking on unsustainable workloads in order to revisit the language on the rubric.

Bargaining Update

Bargaining this month is scheduled for March 14th and March 28th. On March 14th, we will receive the recommendation on benefits from the benefits committee, as well as a budget presentation from GDPSC Chief Financial Officer, which will provide the data we need to move forward with our bargain. In February, both parties expressed interests and option to address class size and evaluation, but nothing has been finalized. Please support your bargaining team on March 14th and 28th by wearing your buttons, shirts, and placing your I Support my Bargaining Team sign on your door!

CTA State Council Representative Stipend

The AMU Site Representative Council approved a motion to stipend the CTA State Council Representative position at the same rate as a School Site Representative (\$500 per year; total amount divided by mandatory meetings, total amount paid out tied to meetings attended).

The CTA State Council is the governing body of CTA, which decides CTA's policies and political endorsements state wide. Because of our size, AMU has 1 seat on this governing body, currently filled by Yvonne Pruitt of ODLH serving year 1 of her 2-year term. On this council, Yvonne represents the interests of AMU as a unionized charter and is a voice on the council which counter's CTA's anti-charter narrative. As a reminder, the State Rep position is an elected position, voted on by you, the general membership, usually rolled into our general E-board elections.