CIVIL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION (CRE) COMMITTEE

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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3rd vote required)

None

MAJOR POLICY – First Reading

None

MAJOR POLICY – Second Reading

None

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

None

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None

MATTERS PENDING

- Counselor ratios
- Gather information for the implementation of AB1266
- Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act
- Craft policy language decrying the school to prison pipeline
- Develop policy language that combats militarization of our schools
- Voting rights: Addressing voter ID laws to empower students as voters to help them achieve political actualization/agency
- School reform/parent trigger law policy language
- Teachers, parents and students' rights surrounding parent trigger law

- Develop clear and more appropriate language around restorative justice in the policy handbook

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Gilda Bloom-Leiva, NEA Board of Directors gave the NEA report.
    a. The NEA Representative Assembly will be in Denver, CO. The CTA hotels will be the Hyatt Hotel at the convention center or the Sheraton Hotel.
    b. The NEA/RA delegate candidacy form is available online at www.cta.org and in the December edition of the *California Educator*. Candidacy forms are due January 31st by 5:00 p.m.
    c. We will vote for NEA Executive Board and the NEA President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer at the 2014 NEA Representative Assembly.

2. Tony Diaz¸ Fair Employment and Housing Council Liaison
    a. The council met December 10th in Sacramento.
    b. Public hearings for final amendments to the California Family Rights Act will take place April 7th at UC Irvine and June 2nd in San Francisco at 10 a.m.
    c. The next Fair Employment and Housing Council meeting will take place February 6, 2014.

3. Harris Kight-Moore, Liaison to CTA/NEA-Retired, reported the following
    a. The governor's budget includes a method to pay down the CalSTRS unfunded liability.
    b. The governor has not appointed a person to fill the vacant retired teacher seat on the board.
    c. CTA/NEA-R supports an NBI, submitted by former CTA President Ed Foglia, to develop a plan to require school districts to repay money misreported as income to members. Current law requires the member's retirement check to be reduced until the district's mistake is repaid.
    d. The smallest service center in the state is forming a retired chapter by one of our ethnic minority members in Imperial.

4. CTA Board Report; Larry Allen
    a. The Electronic Freedom Foundation's Student Privacy Petition referred to NEA Board of Directors, CRE and C&I was deemed moot as the petition no longer is in circulation.
    b. Several initiatives are being circulated for signatures that attack teacher tenure, seniority as well as fast tracking teacher dismissal. Also, there is an initiative attacking our pensions. Our advice is to encourage all our members to not sign any petitions at this time.