

Hi Teachers!

I wanted to start off by saying that I'm happy to be returning as your SCLA, Camino Nuevo Teachers Association (CNTA) representative. Last year, Karen, who is out on maternity leave, was also a rep. and will be returning in December.

I'd like to celebrate the successes of last year's SCLA, CNTA meetings! Because of consistent teacher involvement at our bi-monthly meetings (sometimes monthly), and Shannon's (and the leadership's) willingness to respond to teacher suggestions and concerns we made **huge strides** last year. Listed below are some of them:

- Teachers no longer re-shelving library books
- More PD days at the beginning of the school year (due to union bargaining)
- Coach Torres got a prep period this year
- We have more options as far as substitute agencies go
- Changes and progress made regarding conflicting lunch schedules (with middle school and elementary school)
- Smaller class sizes
- More TAs
- Additional hallway supervision on the 3rd floor
- Changes to report cards to make it easier for elementary school
- Mid year evals shared with entire staff
- Clarification around Improvement Plans and rehiring
- Release days for teachers/teams in need of extra planning/work time

I'm really looking forward to our first meeting on Wednesday, October 30th, 2013 from 3:45-4:15, room 306.

Agenda:

- Check-in
- Bargaining Agreement
- Agency Fees
- Celebrations/Concerns/Questions

We will have plenty of snacks!

Warmly,

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