

**Camdenton Teachers Association
School Board Report
December 9, 2013**

MSTA State Convention

MSTA State Convention was held November 14-15 in Columbia, MO. Camdenton CTA was well-represented by David Swantner, Sandy Letterman, Lisa Jackson, Kim Godar, Kristina Miller, and Tina Murphy. I also attended as a Board member. Thursday was a busy day for our delegates' assembly. We discussed and passed several important resolutions, as well as two Bylaws changes. The Bylaws changes include a \$20 increase in membership dues for certified members, a \$5 increase for associate members, and an elimination of dues for Student-MSTA members. These changes will take effect July 1, 2014.

The most interesting resolution that was passed involves student assessment. The resolution reads: MSTA supports a maximum of 5 state assessments to be given at the high school level. This is in direct contrast to DESE's plan to implement up to 11 assessments to be required by 2018. At this point, I don't know if any legislator will be willing to sponsor a bill regarding this resolution, but it would certainly be the best decision for our kids.

Friday's events included several workshops on various topics and the general session, highlighted by keynote speaker Jamie Vollmer. Mr. Vollmer was a very engaging speaker whose theme, Welcome to the Great Conversation, focused on the importance of changing the education system in order to release the full potential of every child.

Last Plea!

Thank you to Selynn, Jackie, Nancy, and Tom for emailing me your favorite childhood books. I would still like to get responses from the rest, but I have a contingency plan if that doesn't work out. All will be revealed soon!

Again, thank you all for the important work you do. Your efforts and sacrifices are noticed and appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie Jones
CTA President