

Clearview Teachers' Local No 33

Local Council Meeting November 26, 2013

Present: Corey vanZandbergen, Annette Hunter, David Teasdale, Nadine Maxwell, Ray Hassenstein, Leo Richer, Garry Thomson, Ken Hoekstra, Sharalynn Anderson, Ann Creasey, Dan Kinakin.

Meeting called to order 5:05

Dan Moved to accept minutes, Sharalynn seconded, carried

Treasurer's Report:

5 claims so far for PD, can claim up to \$400 towards PD

remind administrators to get requests in for awards

The New less expensive audits underway

President's Report:

C2- one new board member to be on committee

One budget issue: maintenance budget cut (Custodial) Possible C2 issue.....other staff members at some schools are having to do safety checks etc.

Info on Digital reporting and practices

Rally at Legislature advocating for a continued service agreement for ADLC (Alberta Distance Learning Center) 3:00 this Saturday

Corey attending Curriculum redesign conference AB Ed Dec 13

Clearview Board Meetings: Local will pay for subs and mileage for one teacher to attend these meetings. Let Corey know if you wish to attend.

Civic volunteering discussion: Shoveling sidewalks, and various things we are doing already; visiting seniors, seniors' supper, Remembrance day visits, Operation Christmas Child.

Let Ray know any of your community involvement stories.

Board donating to food banks. What should we do for Clearview Communities Care

Sharalyn made a motion that we donate \$1000 to food banks in Clearview area. Ray seconded, carried

Convention:

Book your rooms for convention

Mini Keynotes

Costs going up. Will Clearview want to change what we do for convention? Could change in the future?

PD:

Schools let Sharalynn know who your reps are

Sharalynn attending PDAC

Imbedded PD format may be changing

District Rep:

District Rep report for November 2013

1. Joint C2 Committees on teacher's life continues for all locals. **To Do:** C2 leads must share the C2 report with the EPC chair so that they can coordinate their activities appropriately. The website continues to be upgraded as committees provide info.
2. Resolutions. Deadline for submissions will be the middle of December. Please send to Barnett House if you have any.
3. Four of the five Central South locals have reached settlements. Chinook Edge, Wolf Creek, Clearview and Red Deer Public have deals. Congratulations to the respective EPCs and NSCs. Nearly all the locals throughout the province who have settled have added an extra day of leave at no cost and have no restrictions as to when they can take their days. Other strong provisions are also part of the agreements and very positive language has also been inserted in the contracts. The boards and the locals who have reached settlements all seem to have built strong relationships as a result. There is a sense of renewed cooperation. As per the Framework, all D1 money is being spent and nearly all the settlements include D3 monies. Congratulations to the three locals who have ratified for their fine work.
4. Exception to the above. At a BUGM in St. Paul, 97 per cent of the teachers voted to reject a memorandum of agreement. Details are in the November 19 issue of the ATA News
5. The Teacher Welfare Area Conference (TWAC) was held on November 22 and 23. Local reps were informed of some alarming trends in the Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in the education sector throughout the world. Some collective agreements are:
 - being revoked,
 - wage settlements are being legislated,
 - pension plans and teacher unions are being attacked

- boards are being amalgamated

We need to keep current. One powerful American lobbyist, Grover Norquist, claims that “one way to get rid of unions is to attack their pension plans.” Keep yourself informed. What are the goals of our Alberta political parties? Are we being attacked now? Why are we not at the forefront of the Task Force for Teaching Excellence? Is the outcome of this Task Force already determined so that changes “are required?” Why are we ‘fixing’ an Education System that is ranked one of the top in the world?

6. EPC’s were reminded that their work is just beginning. We must prepare, build commitment, educate and research. Everything else being equal, bargaining will commence again in 2016. What will our teachers want after 3 years of 0% followed by a 2% increase? EPC’s need to be able to attract new teachers to take up the new challenges that are forthcoming.
7. The Professional Development Area Conference (PDAC) is slated for the evening of November 29 and the 30th
8. PEC News
 - a. passed a motion that the following 4 convention associations, CATCA, Palliser, SEATCA and SWATCA be allowed to have the same convention dates. Namely, the Thursday and Friday following Family Day.
 - b. Aspen Foundation for Labour Education, who develops education resources for teachers in Alberta schools, has received financial funding of \$10 000
 - c. The Secondment of Executive Staff to Local Offices is now a possibility. Edmonton Public and Calgary Separate are in the process of entering into these agreements. This will happen with no cost to the Provincial ATA
 - d. ADLC. There is potential for a loss of employment for approximately 30 teachers with continuing contracts for 2014/15 due to an anticipated shortfall in AB Ed funding.
 - e. Convention Association Treasurers’ Seminar will be held on November 22 at Barnett House
 - f. Convention Association Meeting for presidents and program chairs will be held on November 29 at Barnett House
 - g. DEHR Conference will be on March 13 (eve) and March 14. We still need DEHR Committees in 4 of our locals.
9. October 26 Presidents Meeting Update.
 - a. There is a fair amount of consternation for Grade 12 Diploma Markers. They were being paid \$200 per day for their services but the Gov’t has decided to lower that fee to \$100.00.

- b. Flooding in Southern Alberta. It was announced that the ATA has started a fund for Flood Relief to help defray costs for teachers affected from this summer's flood in Southern Alberta. PEC has authorized a start-up of \$20,000 and locals wishing to contribute to the fund may do so as soon as possible. The same criteria that were used for dispensing of funds for the Slave Lake fire will be used. Please send funds to Barnett House.
 - c. Bargaining Update. 26 out of 62 agreements have been signed which includes 74% of teachers.
 - d. The Task Force for Teaching Excellence has begun public consultation. There is an update in the October 8 issue of the ATA News. Teachers who can attend these consultations should do so. Unfortunately, the one held in Red Deer took place on October 28. The full 5-page terms of reference for the task force can be downloaded from the ATA website at: <http://bit.ly/16iQ8Sx>
10. The November 19 issue of the ATA News has an interesting story dealing with the education critic/advocate of the Wildrose Party, Bruce McAllister, as well as a number of updates on various issues. Please take a few minutes to read.

District Rep Central South, Léo Richer

Next Meeting – Feb 18, 2013 Botha 4:45

Meeting Adjourned 7:00

