



TALKING POINTS April Council, 2017

1. Government Actions

PTTA and MTS continue to monitor the government's actions as it pertains to ourselves and other public sector unions that had their bargaining rights curtailed by Bill 28.

Government decisions that have negatively affected teachers and other Manitobans:

- a. Legislated wage freezes for all public sector workers;
- b. Removing the cap on K-3 class size;
- c. A public education funding increase that is less than the rate of economic growth;
- d. Closure of 3 Emergency Rooms in Winnipeg;
- e. Cancellation of health care capital projects such as Cancer Care and the personal care home in Lac du Bonnet;
- f. Elimination of 900 jobs at Manitoba Hydro.

2. My Profile Registrations

All PTTA members are urged to sign up for MyProfile on the MTS website if they have not already done so. By signing up, members are giving MTS a quick and secure way to contact as many of our members as possible with information. This also gives them access to PD and special events sponsored by MTS. Since our last meeting we have had an additional 85 members sign up! Thank you all for your continued hard work in this area.

3. PTTA 2017 – 18 Budget

The draft budget was presented to council and will be debated at the May meeting. The draft budget proposes a **reduction** of \$14.00 for members.

4. Substitutes

Teachers can do the following to help ease the number of unfilled jobs that some schools are experiencing:

- a. Make sure that they leave as much information as possible for the sub in the messages section of SmartFind like parking spot number, whether they may be in the gym or have duty outside.
- b. Pre-arrange a sub if you know in advance that you are going to be away.
- c. Set up your own "Preferred Sub List". This must be done through your admin and/or admin secretary.

5. Retirement Reception

Preparation are underway for the PTTA retirement reception on June 13. Please see the May/June issue of Trail Talk for more information.

Submissions for the May/June issue of **Trail Talk** are welcome! Next deadline is May 12.

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