



TALKING POINTS September Council, 2019

Please note that Talking Points are intended only to assist you in your PTTA report. Feel free to add any information from the meeting you think is important to share with your staff.

1. **Collective Bargaining**

PTTA is preparing for its upcoming arbitration hearing in April, 2020. As a part of those preparations, PTTA will be sending out an arbitration survey for all of our members. It is **extremely important** that we get a good response to this survey to aid us in the arbitration process. More information about this survey will be given in the near future.

2. **Legal Challenges**

The November dates for the hearing of the Charter of Rights challenge against Bill 28 are quickly approaching. It will probably be at least six months before we can expect a judgment. It is likely to be just the next step in an extensive legal process.

3. **Government Actions**

The Progressive Conservative government has been elected for another four years. There is no word yet as to when legislation will be introduced that will allow the move to Provincial Bargaining for teachers. The government announced during the election campaign that local school taxes would be phased out over a ten-year period. If this change in taxation happens, it will have profound changes on how public education is funded in the future. The report of K-12 Education Review Commission is due to be released in early spring. The report is expected to have recommendations regarding the funding of public education, possible amalgamations of school divisions, and the structure/governance of school divisions.

4. **MTS Professional Development Day**

A reminder to all members that they are expected to attend the MTS PD Day on October 25, 2019 to their FTE if that is a day that they would normally be at work. If you do have to miss the day for some reason, please remember to record your absence along with the appropriate reason in SmartFind.

5. **Class sizes**

The current guidelines for class size targets in Pembina Trails are 24 students for grades K – 3 and 28 students for grades 4-8. Class sizes for high school will vary depending on the class/curriculum area. Please let PTTA know if you have a class in which class size numbers are unmanageable.

6. **Clevr**

PTTA has received a few reports of technical issues and difficulties entering information into Clevr. If members are having issues, please let PTTA know.

7. **Equity and Social Justice Event**

Please see posters for the forum on Supporting Youth in Care in Winnipeg on October 9th, for location and registration information.

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