



## TALKING POINTS January Council, 2018

*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. Have a great day! Bob, Lise and Debra*

### 1. **Collective Bargaining**

Council has authorized the Collective Bargaining Committee to notify the Board of our intention to open negotiations for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Council also authorized the opening package for negotiations. Although Council has seen the items making up the package, these items will remain confidential at this time.

### 2. **Food Handling in Schools**

The guidelines for food handling on the Division's website are the definitive source of information for all personnel. At this time, if you are at all unsure of ANY safe food handling procedure, we urge staff to check with the administrator in their building and follow their directions around food handling that takes place in your school.

### 3. **Nominations for PTTA Executive**

If you are interested in running for PTTA Executive next year, please contact Ashleigh Deeley Michaluk at [pttapastp@mymts.net](mailto:pttapastp@mymts.net) or [adeeley@mbteach.org](mailto:adeeley@mbteach.org) with your intentions. Nominations are open until March 1<sup>st</sup>, with extension to March 15<sup>th</sup> with signatures of 10 members.

### 4. **Provincial Executive Nomination**

PTTA nominated Valerie Remillard for Provincial Executive at this year's MTS Annual General Meeting. Valerie is President of the EFM (Educatrices et Educateurs francophones du Manitoba) As leader of that organization within MTS, Valerie represents about one-quarter of our teachers with issues surrounding French Language Education.

### 5. **Enigma Winter Escapes**

Reminder that you can sign up to participate in our Escape Room Challenge! Information is available on the PTTA website ([www.ptta.ca](http://www.ptta.ca)).

### 6. **Drug Costs**

Trail Talk has a chart that lists the dispensing fees from various pharmacy's when purchasing your prescriptions. There are some big differences that ultimately come out of your pocket. Please note that you DO NOT have to be a Costco member to use their pharmacy.

### 7. **MTS PD**

MTS is putting on two different workshops around Equity and Social Justice. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Creating a Culture of Dignity with Rosalind Wiseman and Charlie Kuhn. April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Women in Educational Leadership: Building Capacity. Information can be found on the MTS Website ([www.mbteach.org](http://www.mbteach.org)).

### 8. **PTTA Contest Entry**

Don't forget to enter our PTTA Pop Quiz contest. Answer a few questions about the current issue of Trail Talk and you could win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Go to [www.ptta.ca](http://www.ptta.ca) and click on the Pop Quiz link.